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Guard limited in Mo. response

Ferguson violence continues with guardsmen restricted to protecting command center

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Violence continued Monday night in Ferguson, Mo., despite the deployment of National Guard troops. Police came under "heavy gunfire" and made 31 arrests, Capt. Ron Johnson, of the Missouri Highway Patrol, told reporters early Tuesday.

They used tear gas against protesters but did not fire bullets at them. Two people in crowds of demonstrators were shot, but not by police, officials said. Guard soldiers charged with the limited task of protecting the law enforcement command post were not involved in efforts to quell the violence, according to The New York Times.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Members of the Missouri National Guard stand watch outside a command post near the site of protests over the death of Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Mo., on Monday.

Gov. Jay Nixon sent the troops to the town of Ferguson on Monday, explaining the move in terms more difficult to describe

efforts to combat an overseas insurgency than domestic protests.

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RETRACING A LEGACY

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Bonnie Schmitz, left, and her daughter, Tech. Sgt. Tamara Hall, visit Utah Beach in Normandy, France, where Schmitz's father, Lynn Stockkill, landed the day after D-Day. Schmitz and Hall recently retraced Stockkill's steps using a map he kept of his wartime travels. JOSHUA L. DeMORRIS/Stars and Stripes

Merkel: NATO won't base large force near Russia

By JAMES G. NEUGER
AND PATRICK DONAHUE
Bloomberg News

RIGA, Latvia — NATO will stop short of basing substantial combat forces in eastern Europe to avoid a complete rupture in relations with Russia, German

Chancellor Angela Merkel said. A North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit next month will settle on other ways of protecting the alliance's eastern flank, including previously floated plans for more war games, a more robust command struc-

ture and warehousing equipment that would be needed in an emergency, Merkel and allied officials said.

Defensive steps triggered by Russia's pressure on non-NATO member Ukraine "don't involve a permanent, sustained station-

ing of fighting troops, but we can strengthen our cooperation very much in other ways," Merkel told reporters in Latvia, one of the front-line states pleading for more vigilance against the Kremlin.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think that we spend so much time being sad. And being able to laugh and enjoy that whole trip is probably how grandpa would've wanted it."

— Air Force Tech. Sgt. Tamara Hall, who retraced the steps of her grandfather — a 20-year-old military policeman when he arrived on Utah Beach on June 7, 1944

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Iwo Jima plants its flag at Mayport

Sailors and Marines man the rails as the USS Iwo Jima sails into Mayport Naval Station, its new home port, in Jacksonville, Fla., on Sunday.

NATO: Alliance seeks to retool rapid-reaction force set up in '02

FROM FRONT PAGE

NATO's new defense posture, to be unveiled at a Sept. 4-5 summit in the U.K., was always bound to be the product of compromise: all 28 allies have to agree and many, in both western and eastern Europe, want to continue to do business with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"This is certainly a disappointment for the eastern members of NATO," said Joerg Forbrigg, Berlin-based senior program officer at the German Marshall Fund of the U.S. "Ruling out anything at this stage — any steps or mea-

sures we might need to take — is simply a mistake given events in Ukraine over the past year."

NATO will abide by a commitment made in 1997 — when a post-Cold War partnership with Russia beckoned — to refrain from the "permanent stationing of substantial combat forces" in eastern Europe, a senior NATO diplomat told reporters in Brussels on Monday.

"Substantial" has generally been defined as a "brigade formation," the diplomat said. In April, the U.S. stayed below those limits when it sent 600 paratroopers

from the 173rd Airborne Brigade on training rotations in eastern Europe, spreading them between four countries: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

While those four have spearheaded calls for a reinforced NATO, on guard against Russian aggression, that sentiment is not held as fervently across the alliance, even in eastern European capitals once under the Kremlin's yoke. The leaders of Hungary and Slovakia, for example, have expressed doubt about European sanctions on Russia.

NATO will continue to hold more exercises to keep its forces ready, some among the allies, some with affiliated countries. Two maneuvers are scheduled with Ukraine in September: a 15-nation field training exercise and an annual Black Sea naval exercise.

As a NATO partner rather than member, Ukraine isn't entitled to the same collective defense guarantee that has animated the alliance since it was set up as a bulwark against the Soviet Union in 1949. Ukraine's new govern-

ment has said membership isn't a priority, and Putin is determined to keep Ukraine out of NATO's orbit.

The alliance plans to retool a rapid-reaction force, set up in 2002, that has never gone into combat. It currently needs anywhere from one to six months to take the field, and isn't geared to the "hybrid," infiltration-style warfare practiced by Russia against Ukraine, the diplomat said.

At the summit, allied leaders will also wrestle with the decline in defense budgets that has left only four countries — the U.S., Britain, Estonia and debt-ravaged Greece — meeting an informal goal of spending at least 2 percent of gross domestic product on the military.

Another seven have pledged to get up to that level in the wake of Russia's intimidation of Ukraine. Whether the summit will set a precise target with binding deadlines is uncertain, partly because debate rages over what the money is spent on, the diplomat said.

Correction

A story in the Aug. 18 edition about faculty cuts at the University of Maryland University College incorrectly stated the privileges accorded adjunct professors. They are provided with base pay and an employment status that some departing full-time faculty said might allow them to stay in the country. The story also misstated the total number of undergraduate degrees awarded last year. There were 1,129 — 548 bachelor's degrees and 581 associate degrees.

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Visitors arrive at the new SHAPE Elementary and Middle School open house on Friday. School starts on Monday.

SHAPE facility opens doors in time for new school year

By ERIC A. BROWN
Stars and Stripes

Two years in construction, the new SHAPE elementary and middle school in Mons, Belgium, opened in time for the start of the new school year this week, featuring state-of-the-art technology and common areas for students to mingle.

With 58 elementary and 44 middle school classrooms, the school features two gyms — one with spectator seating — art, science, music and computer rooms, a multipurpose room with a food-service area and performance stage and a common play area. The common spaces are designed to encourage student interaction, said Paul Jerome, SHAPE International School Infrastructure Program Manager, in a news

release issued by Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe. There are also outdoor athletic and play areas.

The school is equipped with high-speed wireless internet and smart boards that are integrated into the schools' data network and can project lessons from a computer screen. There also is a video-broadcast studio.

"Safety and environmental sustainability were incorporated into the design of the facility, all grade levels are going to be housed together for the first time, and technology will continue to be a communication and productivity tool for both students and teachers," said Bernadette Schlueter, the new elementary school principal, as quoted in the release.

The opening of the facility is part of the \$170 million proj-

ect aimed at replacing aging SHAPE American and international schools, many of which had been in use since the 1960s, when student enrollment was 1,400. Today's enrollment numbers are nearly double that with the inclusion of SHAPE's International School.

A new SHAPE high school is due to open in early 2015. It will have 28 classrooms, computer and science labs, a culinary arts room and an information center.

High school principal Chuck Fannin was quoted in the release as saying his teachers were excited after seeing the new elementary and middle schools and were impressed with the classroom design and technology.

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Report recommends removing 7 from base

The Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — A Michigan National Guard investigation into alleged wrongdoing at the Camp Grayling military training base recommended the removal of seven people, including two lieutenant colonels.

The investigation found evidence of theft, destruction of government property and nepotism at an equipment maintenance facility at the base in northern Lower Michigan, the Detroit Free Press reported Monday.

Completed in January, the report was turned over to the National Guard's criminal division, which concluded earlier this sum-

mer that no criminal investigation was warranted, said Lt. Col. Bill Humes, base spokesman.

Humes said two lieutenant colonels retired, two master sergeants were fired from their full-time federal government jobs at the base, two other sergeants received two weeks' of unpaid leave and one master sergeant was not disciplined.

"This is exactly how the system is supposed to work," Humes told the Free Press.

The two fired master sergeants are appealing. Hearings had been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, but they were postponed by military officials last week.

The probe found that personnel at the base's Maneuver and Training Equipment Site threw away "hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of new and used equipment and parts," including shock absorbers, engine and transmission parts and electronic equipment, on the orders of the two now-retired lieutenant colonels so the facility would look better for a 2013 inspection.

In addition, it was determined that several people who worked at the facility were running businesses on the side using government equipment and time, including a stock-trading operation and a lawn-care business.

Review panel to assess senior enlisted sailors

Stars and Stripes

Senior enlisted sailors will have to prove their worth or face forced retirement when an internal evaluation board meets later this year, the Navy has announced.

All active-duty and full-time support staff chiefs with three years in rate and 19 years in service will be evaluated, the Navy said in a statement last week. Selected Reserve and Voluntary Training Unit chiefs in similar positions will also face scrutiny.

That's between 7,500 and 8,000 sailors in total, Navy Times reported.

Touted as a measure of self-policing that clears space in the senior enlisted ranks for rising junior sailors, the Senior Enlisted Continuation Board has annually examined chief proficiency since 2009.

Despite its wide net, the board has trimmed less than 5 percent of the chiefs who have fallen under its auspices, Navy Times said.

Review-eligible sailors will be announced Aug. 29, and the board

To learn more about the board's assessment plans, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/p2u8kps>



will convene Oct. 27, the Navy said. The evaluation results will be posted to BUPERS OnLine, and commanding officers will be notified.

"Quite simply this is about quality," Fleet Master Chief April Bekdo, senior enlisted adviser to the chief of naval personnel, was quoted as saying in the Navy statement. "There are no preset numbers, but for every person not selected for continuation, there is a vacancy created in which we can promote a new chief into next year."

Navy officials have said negative evaluations typically stem from declining performance reviews and military or civilian misconduct.

Those who don't make the cut will have until Aug. 31, 2015, to retire or transfer to the Fleet Reserve, unless operationally waived by the deputy chief of naval personnel.

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Elementary school in S. Korea to close as US troops relocate

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — A \$7.5 million Department of Defense Education Activity school in Dongducheon that opened five years ago is projected to close next June as U.S. forces relocate to Pyeongtaek.

Camp Casey Elementary School, a K-8 school about 40 miles north of Seoul, opened in 2010 with an enrollment of about 250 as part of U.S. Forces Korea's plan to increase the number of command-sponsored slots on the peninsula.

USFK said the first DODEA school in the area between Seoul and the Demilitarized Zone was built using South Korean funds contributed under a bilateral cost-sharing agreement.

A new wing opened in 2011, nearly doubling the school's capacity. Projected enrollment for the 2014-15 school year is 450.

But as plans move forward to relocate the bulk of U.S. troops in and north of Seoul to regional hubs in Pyeongtaek and Daegu, the number of units in the northern sector of the country — and the number of dependents — is projected to decline.

Most Army forces will eventually move to Camp Humphreys, a once-sleepy helicopter base in Pyeongtaek that is undergoing a massive expansion. Katherine Hammack, the Army's assistant secretary for installations, energy and environment, said last spring about the \$10 billion-plus Humphreys expansion was on track to be completed in 2016-17.

Asked if it was worth building a school that would operate for only five years, USFK said in an email:

"The Casey Elementary School was built to meet the needs of our families residing in the area and served the community exceptionally well."

USFK said a decision about the facility's future will be made based on the needs of the garrison. An official at South Korea's Ministry of

National Defense-USFK Relocation

Office said it could come part of the park the city of Dongducheon plans to build after Camp Casey closes.

Students now scheduled to attend Casey Elementary

will move with their families to other bases on the peninsula, and many will attend schools at Humphreys or U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan in Seoul.

USFK said no decisions have been made about when to close the three DODEA schools at Yongsan.

Stars and Stripes' Voo Kyong Chang contacted to this story.

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‘The Casey Elementary School was built to meet the needs of our families residing in the area and served the community exceptionally well.’

U.S. Forces Korea

MILITARY



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

An F-35 Lightning II is shown during the test phase demonstrating the short takeoff and vertical landing capability. Once thought a sure buyer of the F-35, Canada is taking a hard look at the U.S. fighter jet's high price.

Canada rethinks F-35 Lightning deal

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT
The Washington Post

O Canada, land of "peace, order and good government." Land of compromise and polite politics. Land of turmoil over whether to buy the F-35.

As in the United States, the fighter plane has become a rancorous political issue. What once looked like a sure buy for U.S. planes has been bogged down by infighting and un-Canadian vitriol, and the purchase is on hold while Canadian officials consider whether to buy another plane.

The F-35 Lightning II is a U.S. plane, made by a U.S. company for the U.S. military. But if the cost for U.S. taxpayers is going to come down to levels that make the plane affordable in the long term, the Pentagon is depending on foreign governments to buy the F-35 as well.

From the beginning of the program, Defense Department officials signed up eight international partners, including Canada. Since then, they've crossed the globe looking for additional foreign government customers with some success. Japan and Israel have agreed to buy some of the planes, while South Korea appears likely to make the F-35 its next fighter jet as well.

It's not just Canada

But as Canada shows, not everyone is sold on what has become the most expensive weapons system in U.S. history. In addition to being a symbol of power, might and mind-bending technology, the next-generation Joint Strike Fighter has, to some, come to represent waste and unwieldiness — in the United States and abroad.

Many thought that by now Canada would have decided whether to buy the planes — a move that would help drive down costs in the nearly \$400 billion program — or

instead force the plane's manufacturer, Lockheed Martin, to compete for its business. But it's now unclear when that will happen.

Some fear that if nations such as Canada balk, there could be questions about the long-term affordability of the program. Meanwhile, Boeing, one of Lockheed Martin's fiercest competitors, has pounced on what it sees as an opportunity in Canada and other countries to tout its F/A-18 Super Hornet as a proven, affordable alternative.

Facing budget constraints, Italy and the Netherlands have already curtailed the number of F-35s they said they plan to buy. Denmark is holding a competition that would pit the F-35 against other fighters. Meanwhile, the production line at Lockheed Martin's Fort Worth, Texas, plant has been limited to a little over 30 in the past two years, as tightened U.S. budgets and technical problems have forced the Pentagon to significantly slow its procurement as well.

A vicious cycle

"The program is stuck in low production rates and high costs," said Richard Aboulafia, an aerospace industry analyst for the Teal Group. "The production rates are low because costs are high, and costs are high because production is low."

Currently, the plane's so-called "flyaway cost," which doesn't include research and development, among other things, is approximately \$110 million apiece for the Air Force's model, the company says. But Lockheed and Pentagon officials say it could be lowered to less than \$80 million by the end of the decade. Lockheed and some of its subcontractors are investing \$170 million to reduce the price.

Still, the Government Accountability Office recently said that affordability "remains a significant concern," and that "the program is likely to be challenged" to meet

cost reduction goals.

While ramping up production would bring the per-plane cost down, it would be unwise to build too many too soon because not all of the necessary testing has been done on the aircraft, said Todd Harrison, director of defense budget studies at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

Additional testing will inevitably reveal problems that need to be fixed, which then cost money to repair, he said. For years, critics of the program, including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., have said that the United States should never have committed to buying the plane while it was still being developed, saying it violated one of the basic rules of airplane acquisition: "Fly before you buy."

"It gets to the fundamental tension within the JSF — you want to buy more of them because the quicker we buy them, the cost will come down," Harrison said. "But the faster we buy them, that just increases the concurrency in the program. We're buying planes that haven't completed testing and are going to require modifications."

The slowed production rate could have another consequence, he said. "One of the concerns has been as we've reduced the production rate, people have floated the idea of cutting back on the number of planes the U.S. is going to buy. Then you spook the allies."

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A 'revolution'

But with the relatively large numbers of aircraft the United States plans to buy, he said, "the fate of the program is up to us, not them." Though the Pentagon initially planned to buy 2,852 planes, it has for years remained consistent with its commitment to buy 2,443.

Britain, which plans to buy 138 planes, the most of any other nation, also said its confidence in the program remains strong even though the F-35 was grounded after a recent engine fire and missed its international debut at a pair of air shows in England last month.

And at a recent "rollout" event in Fort Worth, Australian and U.S. officials celebrated the anticipated delivery of its first two planes. During the ceremony, Air Marshal Geoff Brown, chief of the Royal Australian Air Force, called the F-35 a "revolution" and said it will cause a "step change in the way we prepare for and conduct operations into the future."

Lockheed Martin officials are confident that more countries will sign on in the years to come as the need to replace their fighter fleets becomes more urgent. The F-35 is designed to supplant several different legacy aircraft from the F-16 to the F/A 18 and the A-10.

"This is the airplane that's going to replace all those airplanes and create a capability for the next 50-plus years," said Steve O'Bryan, Lockheed Martin's vice president of international strategy and business development.

US solicits J-STARS upgrades

By MIKE STUCKA
The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Representatives from dozens of military contractors tromped their way through an E-8 J-STARS airplane Monday, hoping to learn more about how they could help build the next generation of radar surveillance aircraft.

Col. Henry Cyr, whose 461st Air Control Wing helps run and fly the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, said the airplanes are old, making them costly to fix and fly.

"This airplane was built in the middle to late '60s," Cyr said, referring to the airplane behind him that started life as a Boeing 707. "We've got people working on it who were born in the '90s."

Monday's Air Force Industry Day was intended to bring the military contractors into one of the aircraft.

Bruce Trask, president of Warner Robins, Ga.-based Tricon Management LLC, said his

company's been working with J-STARS for about 12 years. A new airplane could be cheaper to operate and still offer improvements, and Monday's event helps get the troops talking to the contractors about the best way to move forward.

"We can do some technological leaps today we couldn't do a few years ago," said Trask, whose company works primarily in electronics and avionics.

Col. Kevin Clotfelter, commander of the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Wing, said more than 30 industry partners were invited to see how their technologies and experience could mesh with the next generation of J-STARS.

The companies represented Monday sell airplanes themselves and offer services such as integrating radar and communication systems.

The U.S. Air Force plans to cut the fleet to 11 from 16 planes beginning in October 2016, saving money to go toward planning and buying the new airplanes.

Cyr described the J-STARS as a "highly advanced mission system," then added, "but that old airplane needs to be replaced."

As reporters were escorted off the base, a J-STARS airplane was landing, dark exhaust trailing behind it.

MILITARY

Body of Marine's wife found

By JAMES BARRAGAN
AND VERONICA ROCHA
Los Angeles Times

They were neighbors in a housing complex for junior enlisted Marines at the desert base at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The husband in one couple and the wife in the other shared a passion for horses. They volunteered at a horse rescue facility in nearby Yucca Valley.

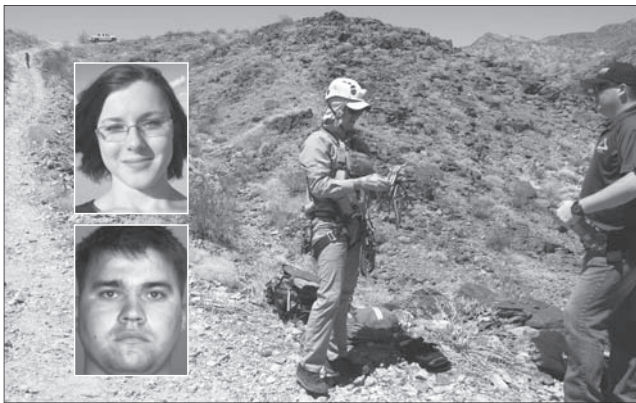
Then Erin Corwin, 19, who was three months pregnant, disappeared June 28. At first, Marine and San Bernardino County investigators were unsure whether she had met foul play or fled her marriage.

But within weeks, suspicion focused on Christopher Lee, 24, the neighbor and fellow volunteer at the White Rock Horse Rescue. Lee and Corwin had been having an affair, investigators discovered.

On Saturday night, after seven weeks of searching the desert and following fruitless leads, a body was found at the bottom of an abandoned, 140-foot mine shaft southeast of Twentynine Palms.

By Sunday night, the body had been recovered and dental records confirmed that it was Corwin.

A half-hour later, Lee was arrested in Anchorage, Alaska, by local police and FBI agents, apparently without incident.



The San Bernardino County, Calif., Sheriff's Department's Urban Search and Rescue team prepares to recover the body of Erin Corwin, inset top, from an abandoned mine shaft near Twentynine Palms, Calif. Her alleged lover and former neighbor, Christopher Brandon Lee, inset bottom, was arrested in Anchorage, Alaska, on an extradition warrant out of California.

Lee may have been afraid that Corwin would tell his wife that she was pregnant with his child, according to a search warrant affidavit.

"At this point, all indications" point to it being filed as a murder case, San Bernardino County District Attorney Mike Ramos said at a news conference Monday. Sheriff John McMahon said more arrests are possible.

On the day she disappeared, Corwin had told her husband, Cpl. Jonathan Corwin, that she wanted to scout locations in Joshua Tree National Park that she could show to her mother during an upcoming visit from Tennessee. Her abandoned Toyota

Corolla was found two days later near the base.

As hundreds of searchers scoured the desert for clues to Corwin's disappearance, Lee was discharged from the Marine Corps and prepared to move to his home state of Alaska with his wife, Nicole, and their daughter.

Investigators declined to say how Corwin was killed. But in a July search warrant in which the alleged affair was first mentioned, investigators speculated that she had been shot.

During the search of his apartment in July, Lee admitted being romantically attracted to Corwin but denied that they had sex. He said that the day she disappeared

they had planned to go hunting but that he had gone alone. Investigators identified tire prints next to Corwin's car that matched Lee's Jeep.

After Monday's news conference, Corwin's family posted a statement on Facebook thanking law enforcement personnel and asking the media to respect the family's privacy.

"Though we were praying for a different outcome, we are relieved to have this part of the investigation behind us and to be able to move forward with the loss of our sweet girl," the statement said. "Please continue to pray for our family and that justice will be found for Erin."

Firm starts DOD survey on issues in workplaces

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A biennial survey that tracks sexual harassment, sexual assault and other workplace issues in the U.S. military is being conducted on behalf of the Defense Department.

About 580,000 servicemembers have begun receiving emails or letters by post inviting them to participate in the confidential, web-based RAND Military Workplace Study, Defense Department officials announced Tuesday.

It's the first time the RAND Corp., a federally funded research and development center, has conducted the workplace and gender relations survey. DOD in 2006 began surveying the active and Reserve components to estimate the extent of sexual assault in the military.

But, after prompting from some members of Congress to get an independent look at current trends, the Pentagon earlier this year signed a contract with RAND to carry out the survey.

On the basis of the last such survey, in fiscal 2012, the DOD estimated 26,000 servicemembers had experienced some type of unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault. The number of sexual assaults reported was much lower.

All active-duty females and a random sample of active-duty males, Reserve component and Coast Guard personnel have been invited to participate in the survey, RAND said on its website.

The goal of the survey is to provide useful information about the military workplace environment to the White House, DOD leaders, Congress, military members and the public, RAND said.

The Pentagon will present the results to the White House this fall. RAND's full analysis of the survey findings won't be publicly available until next spring.

The survey can be completed on or off duty, at home or at work, using a government computer, smartphone or home computer.

Find more information about the survey at rand.org/surveys/wgrs.html

Ukraine to pull most troops out of Kosovo

PRISTINA, Kosovo — NATO in Kosovo says Ukraine will pull out most of its troops from the peacekeeping mission in the Balkan country by the end of the month.

The Ukrainian soldiers will be replaced by Hungarian peacekeepers, NATO said Monday. Ukraine has 160 soldiers serving in the NATO-led peacekeeping force known as KFOR and Hungary has over 200 troops. NATO sent 50,000 soldiers in 1999 after a 78-day air war forced Serb troops to withdraw and end a brutal crackdown on separatist ethnic Albanians. The alliance now has some 5,000 troops in Kosovo.

From The Associated Press

Yemen pays \$1M to kin of US drone victims

From wire services

WASHINGTON — The Yemeni government paid the families of those killed or injured in a U.S. drone strike last year more than \$1 million, according to documents that provide new details on secret condolence payments seen as evidence that civilians with no ties to al-Qaida were among the casualties.

The documents, which are signed by Yemeni court officials and victims' relatives, record payouts designed to quell anger over a U.S. strike that hit vehicles in a wedding party and prompted a suspension of the U.S. military's

authority to carry out drone attacks on a dangerous al-Qaida affiliate.

The records reveal payments that are many times larger than Yemeni officials acknowledged after the strike. The \$1 million-plus figure also exceeds the total amount distributed by the U.S. military for errant strikes in Afghanistan over an entire year.

The documents also contain other details, including the identities of those killed or wounded in the Dec. 12 operation by the U.S. military's Joint Special Operations Command.

The records were provided to The Washington Post by Re-

prieve, a London-based human rights organization that has worked in Yemen to document civilian casualties of the U.S. drone campaign.

The records indicate that families of those killed were each given Yemeni currency worth approximately \$60,000, with smaller amounts paid to those who sustained injuries or whose vehicles were damaged or destroyed.

U.S. officials declined to comment on the Dec. 12 strike or any U.S. role in the payments but acknowledged offering money to victims and their families when civilians are injured or killed.

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CHRISTIAN GOODEN, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

A citizen peacekeeper tries to keep protesters back as police advance Monday in Ferguson, Mo. The Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer has touched off rancorous protests in Ferguson. On Monday, Gov. Jay Nixon ordered the National Guard there to help restore calm.

Guard: Mo. governor charges military forces with 'restoring peace and order' as protests rage on

FROM FRONT PAGE

"Following coordinated attacks last night both on civilians and law enforcement officers, I signed an executive order directing the Missouri National Guard to help restore peace and order in Ferguson. The Guard's immediate and limited responsibilities ... are to provide protection, and ensure the safety of our Unified Command Center, which was the target last night of a coordinated attack. The Guard will concentrate its resources on carrying out this limited mission," Nixon said in a statement.

Brig. Gen. Greg Mason, who is leading the Guard's effort in Ferguson, said that his soldiers are "well-trained and well-seasoned" and "well-equipped" for their mission.

Scott Holste, a spokesman for Nixon, told Stars and Stripes that the troops are "primarily military police."

Holste did not say how many are being sent to Ferguson. A spokesperson for the Missouri National Guard could not be reached to provide additional information.

Ferguson has been wracked by protests since the Aug. 9 shooting death of Michael Brown, an unarmed 18-year-old African-American, by a white police officer.

Nixon declared a state of emergency Saturday as the situation deteriorated, and a curfew was imposed on residents. The governor announced Monday that the curfew was being lifted.

In a statement Monday announcing his decision to deploy the guard, the governor said that peaceful protests had been marred by "the violent criminal acts of an organized and growing number of individuals, many from outside the community and state, whose actions are putting the residents and businesses of Ferguson at risk."

overrun the Unified Command Center" where highway patrol and local police are coordinating activities.

He described the attacks as "deliberate, coordinated and intensifying," and charged the guard with "restoring peace and order."

"We must defend Ferguson from these violent interlopers so that the peaceful protests can operate in peace and the search for answers and justice [regarding Brown's death] can continue," Nixon said.

Of the 31 arrested as of 2 a.m. Tuesday, some were from as far away as California and New York, the Los Angeles Times reported.

At a White House news conference Monday,

President Barack Obama weighed in on the situation.

"We have all seen images of protesters and law enforcement in the streets. It's clear that the vast majority of people are peacefully protesting. What's also clear is that a small minority of individuals are not. While I understand the passions and the anger that arise over the death of Michael Brown, giving into that anger by looting or carrying guns and even attacking the police only serves to raise tensions and stir chaos. It undermines rather than advances justice," Obama said.

He also called on law enforcement officials to show restraint.

"Our constitutional rights to speak freely, to assemble and to report in the press must be vigilantly safeguarded, especially

in moments like these," he said. "There's no excuse for excessive force by police or any action that denies people the right to protest peacefully. Ours is a nation of laws for the citizens who live under them, and for the citizens who enforce them."

Local law enforcement officials in Ferguson came under fire when they deployed military vehicles, set up sniper nests, and armed officers with assault rifles in the days after the protests began. Their actions have stirred debate about whether police forces should be allowed to obtain surplus military equipment from the Defense Department through federal grant programs.

"One of the great things about the United States has been our ability to maintain a distinction between our military and domestic law enforcement. That helps preserve our civil liberties. That helps ensure that the military is accountable to civilian direction. And that has to be preserved," Obama said in response to a reporter's question.

"I think it's probably useful for us to review how ... local law enforcement has used grant dollars, to make sure that what they're ... purchasing is stuff that they actually need," Obama said. "I think that there will be some bipartisan interest in re-examining some of those programs."

When asked on Monday whether he agreed with Nixon's decision to send in the Guard, Obama was circumspect.

"This was a state-activated National Guard [mission], so it's under the charge of the governor. This is not something that we initiated at the federal level. I spoke to Jay Nixon about this, expressed an interest in making sure that if in fact the National Guard is used, it is used in a limited and appropriate way," he said. "And I'll be watching over the next several days to assess whether in fact it's helping rather than hindering progress in Ferguson."

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When racial tensions erupted midway through his first presidential campaign, Barack Obama came to Philadelphia to decry the "racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years." Over time, he said, such wounds, rooted in America's painful history on race, can be healed.

Now, the stalemate suddenly seems more entrenched than ever. As Obama pleads for calm and understanding in Ferguson, Mo., he's struggling to determine what role — if any — the nation's first black president can play in defusing a crisis that has laid bare the profound sense of injustice felt by African-Americans across the country.

As Obama sought to strike the appropriate tone Monday, he appeared to be trapped between the need, as president and commander in chief, to stand up for the government's right to ensure law and order, and the inclination, as an African-American, to empathize with those who say the killing of an unarmed black man just goes to show how blacks are treated differently by police.

"In too many communities around the country, a gulf of mistrust exists between local residents and law enforcement. In too many communities, too many young men of color are left behind and seen only as objects of fear," Obama said at the White House, in his most expansive comment to date about the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, 18, just outside St. Louis.

But while Obama lamented the disproportional apprehension of young black men, he pointedly argued that's not solely the fault of overzealous cops. Police officers must be honored and respected for the difficult job they perform, Obama said.

"There are young black men that commit crime," the president said. "We can argue about why that happens — because of the poverty they were born into and the lack of opportunity or school systems that fail them or what

have you — but if they commit a crime, then they need to be prosecuted, because every community has an interest in public safety."

It's a delicate balance that's likely to leave no one fully satisfied.

Aiming to reassure elderly Americans that the federal government is fully engaged, Obama announced that Attorney General Eric Holder would travel Wednesday to Ferguson to meet with FBI and other officials carrying out an independent federal investigation into Brown's death. Obama said he also spoke to Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon, who has deployed National Guard units, and urged him to ensure the use of those units is limited and constructive. "I'll be watching over the next several days," the president said.

Yet for all the talk of procurement and sentencing disparities and police tactics, Obama has steadfastly avoided personalizing this latest bout of racial friction.

Unlike in 2013, when Obama declared that slain teen Trayvon Martin "could have been me," Obama has been careful not to describe Brown's death through the lens of his own experience as an African-American.

And unlike in 2009, when Obama exacerbated tensions by saying police acted "stupidly" by arresting a black Harvard University professor at his own home, this time Obama is leaving the fault-finding to investigators. Obama said Monday he has to be careful about appearing to put his thumb on the scale by weighing in while a federal probe is underway.

Obama's impassive response to the unrest in Ferguson contrasts with a second-term approach in which he generally has been more willing to engage on issues of race. In his remarks Monday the president pointed to his signature initiative, My Brother's Keeper, which aims to bring government, business and nonprofit groups together to empower young minorities to pursue a better future.

"We're making some significant progress as people of good will of all races are ready to chip in," Obama said. "But that requires that we build and not tear down, and that requires we listen and not just shout."

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NATION



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Texas Gov. Rick Perry has assembled a team of high-powered attorneys to fight the two felony counts of abuse of power against him.

Perry lawyers blast charges

By CHRISTY HOPPE
AND WAYNE SLATER
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Gov. Rick Perry's team of nationally prominent lawyers previewed his legal and public relations strategy Monday, blasting the coercion and abuse of power charges against him as an "outrageous assault on the rule of law."

The attorneys, in their first appearance, made it clear that they will put the local district attorney on trial.

"This is nothing more than banana republic politics," said Houston personal injury attorney Tony Buzbee, who is leading the legal team.

Perry is accused of threatening to withhold funding last year for an anti-corruption unit overseen by Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg unless she resigned. Perry has said he lost confidence in Lehmberg, a Democrat, when she was charged with drunken driving and became belligerent with sheriff's deputies.

She refused to quit, and Perry vetoed the \$7.5 million for the Public Integrity Unit, which investigates state officials. But even after the veto, Perry's office continued to try to entice her to step down, promising to restore the funding and to allow her to stay working in another job at the DA's

office, according to reporting by the San Antonio Express-News.

The governor's lawyers made clear that Lehmberg's behavior the night of her 2013 arrest would be a big part of their case, playing video of her shouting at officers. Building on his defiant tone after his indictment was announced Friday, they suggested Perry was targeted by political opponents, although a special prosecutor appointed by a Republican judge is handling the case.

"Anybody who saw that tape would have lost confidence in the Travis County district attorney," Buzbee said.

Ben Ginsberg, a veteran GOP lawyer who led George W. Bush's legal team during the 2000 Florida ballot recount, said that he has seen "a lot of cases that go beyond the pale. This goes furthest beyond the pale of any I've seen in my time."

Democrats contend Perry wanted her out so his own appointee could control the Public Integrity Unit and shut down an investigation into a cancer research institute, which Perry had championed. They said Perry's attorneys were trying to hide the real issue — that the governor used public money to try to coerce an official.

"We didn't expect Governor Perry to take responsibility for his actions, but smearing Rose-

mery Lehmberg and complaining the indictment was political does not answer the charges," said Joe Deshotel, a spokesman for the Travis County Democratic Party. "Perry's defense by character assassination and deflection may work in the court of public opinion, but it won't work in a court of law."

Perry is expected to be arraigned this month on the two felony charges, which could bring a sentence of more than 100 years in prison. And while he will have to be booked and have a mug shot taken, he's not expected to have any restrictions on travel. He's been building toward another run for the GOP nomination for president and is scheduled to appear in Washington, New Hampshire and South Carolina this week and next.

Since the charges were announced, Perry has taken to friendly media outlets to try to build support among Republican politicians and conservative voters. He told conservative radio host Erick Erickson, an influential tea-party blogger, that he is a victim of "a prosecutor run amok."

"These are the types of things we would expect in the old Soviet Union, not the United States of America," he said.

them, had been under constant surveillance since the school district informed police of their plans last Thursday, South Pasadena police Sgt. Brian Solinsky said.

He would not elaborate on the plans, but Solinsky said they were "very specific" and included named targets.

Police found evidence that the boys in South Pasadena were

researching rifles, submachine guns, bombs and other explosives, especially propane.

The boys were both about to begin their last year at South Pasadena High School in the community of about 25,000 people northeast of downtown Los Angeles. The first day of classes is scheduled for Thursday.

From The Associated Press

Hospital operator: Data from 4M patients taken in cyberattack

The Associated Press

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Hospital operator Community Health Systems said a cyberattack took information on more than 4 million patients from its computer network earlier this year.

The Franklin-based company said Monday that no medical or credit card records were taken in the attack, which may have happened in April and June.

But Community said the attack did bypass its security systems to take patient names, addresses, birthdates, and phone and Social Security numbers.

The hospital operator said it believes the attack came from a group in China that used sophisticated malware and technology to get the information.

Community Health has since removed the malware from its system and finalized "other remediation efforts" to prevent future attacks.

A spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request from The Associated Press seeking comment on the attacks.

The information that was taken came from patients who were referred to or received care from doctors tied to the company over the past five years.

Community Health Systems Inc. is notifying patients affected by the attack and offering them identity theft protection services.

The company owns, leases or operates 206 hospitals in 29 states.

The attack follows other high-profile data security problems that have hit retailers like the e-commerce site eBay and Target Corp.

Last year, hackers stole from Target about 40 million debit and credit card numbers and personal information for 70 million people.

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Police: 2 Calif. teens planned school attack

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif. — Two teenage boys in Southern California were arrested after making specific plans to kill three staffers then gun down as many students as possible at their high school, police said.

The boys, who did not yet have weapons but were trying to get

NATION

Website security details withheld

By JACK GILLUM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After promising not to withhold government information over “speculative or abstract fears,” the Obama administration has concluded it will not publicly disclose federal records that could shed light on the security of the government’s health care website because doing so could “potentially” allow hackers to break in.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services denied a request by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information

‘We concluded that releasing this information would potentially cause an unwarranted risk to consumers’ private information.’

Aaron Albright
Centers for
Medicare and
Medicaid Services

Act for documents about the kinds of security software and computer systems behind the federally funded HealthCare.gov.

The AP requested the records late last year amid concerns that

Republicans raised about the security of the website, which had

technical glitches that prevented millions of people from signing up for insurance under President Barack Obama’s health care law.

In denying access to the documents, Medicare told the AP that disclosing them could violate high privacy laws because it might give hackers enough information to break into the service. “We concluded that releasing this information would potentially cause an unwarranted risk to consumers’ private information,” CMS spokesman Aaron Albright said in a statement.

The AP is asking the government to reconsider. Obama instructed federal agencies in 2009 not to keep information confidential “merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears.” Yet the government, in its denial of the AP request, speculates that disclosing the records could possibly, but not assuredly or even probably, give hackers the keys they need to intrude.



Mike Meadows/AP

Firefighters gather at the site of a wildfire Sunday in Glendora, Calif.

13K orders to evacuate sent as Calif. fire rages

The Associated Press

MARIPOSA, Calif. — Authorities have sent evacuation orders to some 13,000 phone numbers as an out-of-control wildfire bears down on a foothill community near Yosemite National Park in Central California.

Sheriff John Anderson issued the evacuation orders late Monday and declared a local state of emergency in Madera County.

The 13,000 calls to evacuate included both homes and businesses, and it was not immediately clear how many people were involved, sheriff’s spokeswoman Erica Stuart said.

Four homes in the community of Oakhurst, about 16 miles away from an entrance to Yosemite, were evacuated, and Tuesday classes have been canceled for most of the Yosemite Unified School District.

Another 2,500 calls went out warning people that they may also need to evacuate, Stuart said.

The 1,200-acre blaze had burned at least two structures but it wasn’t immediately clear what they were, officials said.

State Route 41 toward Yosemite was closed down in the area and travelers would need to use different routes into the park, authorities said.

The fire was burning near a propane business with 30,000 gallon tanks on the site. Firefighters were trying to save the facility but were wary of the danger of explosions.

“We will be in there as long as we can, but firefighter safety is

an issue,” state fire division Chief Don Stein told the Fresno Bee.

There have been no reports of injuries.

Meanwhile, another blaze that began Monday some 50 miles northeast of Bakersfield has surged to 3,000 acres, or nearly five square miles.

“It’s cranking,” U.S. Forest Service Spokeswoman Cindy Thill told the Bakersfield Californian.

The fire burning near Lake Isabella in Kern County brought recommended evacuation orders for several neighborhoods. The Forest Service said.

Somestruures had burned, but it wasn’t immediately clear how many there were or if any were homes, the Forest Service said.

Northeast of Los Angeles, crews were making quick work of a 27.5-acre wildfire that forced the evacuation of 200 people from a campground and recreational areas.

The blaze that broke out Sunday afternoon above the foothill community of Glendora was 60 percent contained by Monday night and largely reduced to smoking embers.

Amusement park apologizes to former Marine over shirt

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — A former Marine who wasn’t allowed into an amusement park because he was wearing a shirt with a red, white and blue rifle pictured on it has been given an apology.

Mario Alejandro, who served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, received a phone call from Six Flags Great Adventure President John Fitzgerald on Saturday apologizing, and he accepted, N.J.com reported.

Alejandro, a father of three from Woodbridge, said he went to the park with his family on Aug. 9 wearing the shirt, which was a Father’s Day gift and was bought from a nonprofit that supports Marines. He said a security guard told him the shirt, which included the phrase “Keep calm

and return fire,” was offensive and he had to change it or cover it if he wanted to go into the park, located in Jackson.

“I told them [that it’s] not offensive, that it’s a military shirt and that it means something,” Alejandro said. “But they said, ‘I don’t care. Get out of the park.’”

A spokeswoman for the park, whose rides include the Nitro and Runaway Mine Train roller coasters, said it didn’t realize Alejandro’s shirt was related to a military charity, The Reconnaissance Foundation.

“Six Flags takes great pride in the various ways we honor, celebrate and support our military heroes,” spokeswoman Kristin B. Siebeneicher said by email Monday.

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WORLD

Iraq forces battle militants in Tikrit

By SHASHANK BENGALI
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD — Iraqi government forces and volunteer fighters mounted a fresh drive Tuesday to oust Islamic State fighters from the northern city of Tikrit, but they were facing stiff resistance from the militant group, news agencies reported.

The Iraqi news site Shafaq reported that three columns of Iraqi soldiers had advanced on Tikrit on Tuesday morning but had withdrawn after coming under withering fire from militants. Islamic State forces have held the city, about 80 miles north of Baghdad, since June.

"The army lost its positions in the southern area of Tikrit that it had controlled a few weeks ago," the news site quoted an Iraqi military official as saying.

The push to retake Tikrit, best known as the home of former dictator Saddam Hussein, came a day after pro-government Kurdish forces backed by U.S. airstrikes dislodged Islamic State fighters from the strategic Mosul dam in northern Iraq.

The battle in Tikrit, which Iraqi forces unsuccessfully fought in June, suggested the Islamic State fighters would have better luck holding onto urban areas in northern Iraq, where they enjoy support among some Sunni Arab tribesmen.

The three-day battle for Mosul dam, during which U.S. forces launched 35 airstrikes

against the Islamic State, American and Iraqi warplanes were not part of the fight in Tikrit, officials said. U.S. officials have said airstrikes in urban areas are unlikely due to the risk of civilian casualties, making it more difficult for government ground forces battling the well-armed militants.

The Mosul dam is the largest in Iraq and a vital power and water resource for the country.

The gains made by the militants brought U.S. forces back into the conflict for the first time since they withdrew in 2011. America's renewed involvement on the battlefield was a reflection of the growing international concern over the Sunni extremist group. Washington began carrying out dozens of airstrikes on Aug. 8.

Hours after retaking the dam, The Associated Press reported President Barack Obama called the development a "major step forward" in the battle against the group.

Obama said a breach of the dam could have had catastrophic consequences and endangered U.S. Embassy personnel in Baghdad. He said the U.S. was urgently providing arms and assistance to Iraqi security forces as well as Kurdish fighters battling the extremists.

"We've got a national security interest in making sure our people are protected and in making sure that a savage group that seems willing to slaughter people for no rhyme or reason other than they have not kowtowed — that a group like that is contained because,



HADI MIZBAN/AP

Iraq Shiite fighters make their way to the front line to fight militants from the extremist Islamic State group in Jurf al-Sakhar, 43 miles south of Baghdad on Monday. The Iraqi army has been joined by thousands of volunteer fighters, mostly Shiite Muslims, but many are ill-equipped and inexperienced, making them a liability.

ultimately, it can pose a threat to us," Obama told reporters.

The Iraqi army has been joined by thousands of volunteer fighters, mostly Shiite Muslims, but many are ill-equipped and inexperienced, making them a liability on the battlefield. One volunteer fighter was killed in Tikrit and five others were injured, hospital officials in Samarra, 20 miles from Tikrit, told Shafaq news.

Also Tuesday, United Nations officials in Geneva announced a major relief operation aimed at helping half a million Iraqis who have fled their homes to escape the fighting. Planes from Jordan were expected to begin a four-day airlift bringing tents, kitchen goods and other supplies to northern Iraq, with land and sea shipments to follow in the coming days, officials said.

Israel breaks off negotiations following attacks

The Associated Press

CAIRO — An Egyptian effort to broker an end to a monthlong war between Israel and Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip appeared to collapse Tuesday after Israel walked out on the talks in response to a barrage of Palestinian rocket fire.

The Israeli walkout occurred just hours before a midnight deadline, leaving the fate of the negotiations in question and raising the possibility of a resumption of heavy fighting.

"The Cairo talks were based on an agreed premise of a total cessation of hostilities," Israeli government spokesman Mark Reggev said. "When Hamas breaks the cease-fire, they also break the premise for the Cairo talks. Accordingly, the Israeli team has been called back as a result of today's rocket fire."

He would not say whether the team would return to Cairo, or whether Israel would resume cease-fire talks. There was no immediate Egyptian comment, but a Hamas official declared the talks over.

The breakdown dealt a harsh blow to nearly a week of Egyptian-led diplomacy meant to end weeks of fighting that has killed more than 2,000 Palestinians, most of them civilians, according to Palestinian and U.N. officials. Sixty-seven Israelis, including three Israelis, have also been killed. It has been the heaviest fighting between Israel and Hamas since the Islamic militant group seized control of Gaza in 2007.

Hamas is seeking an end to a seven-year Israeli-Egypt blockade that has ravaged Gaza's



ADEL HANA/AP

Smoke rises after an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City in the northern Gaza Strip on Tuesday.

economy, while Israel wants guarantees that Hamas will disarm.

In nearly a week of indirect talks, Egypt appears to have made little headway in resolving the differences. Late Monday, it secured a 24-hour extension in a temporary truce to allow

more time for a last-ditch attempt to reach a longer term deal.

An Egyptian compromise proposal calls for easing the blockade, but not lifting it altogether and opening the territory's air and seaports as Hamas has demanded.

While the plan does not require Hamas to give up its weapons, it would give Western-backed President Mahmoud Abbas, whose forces were ousted by Hamas in 2007, a foothold back in Gaza, running border crossings and overseeing internationally-backed reconstruction. Abbas' presence would minimize friction with Israel and allow large amounts of international aid to flow into Gaza for reconstruction.

But hours before Tuesday night's deadline, Palestinian militants fired three rockets into Israel. The military said the rockets landed in open areas near the southern Israeli city of Beersheba. Later, Israel said it intercepted two more rockets over southern Israel.

Hamas police officials in Gaza said there were at least 25 airstrikes across Gaza. Medical officials said seven people were wounded, including two children.

In Cairo, the head of the Palestinian delegation, which is comprised of various factions, said no progress had been made in Tuesday's talks, but expressed hope they could still succeed.

"We gave the Egyptians our final position. We are waiting for them to come back with a response," said Azzam al-Ahmed, a close aide to Abbas.

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WORLD

Ukraine forces inch closer to rebel-held city

By PETER LEONARD
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — The Ukrainian government has captured most of a town near Donetsk, tightening the noose around the key rebel-held stronghold, officials said on Tuesday.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said in a Facebook post that one soldier was killed and four wounded when a volunteer battalion came under mortar fire before entering the town of Ilovaysk, 11 miles east of Donetsk. Among the wounded is the commander of the Donbass battalion, Semyon Semchenko, who said government soldiers destroyed three rebel checkpoints and four firing positions, and that fighting continues.

Government efforts to quell the pro-Russian separatist front have focused lately on gradually encircling Donetsk, the largest rebel-controlled city.

Volunteer battalions have proven essential in the government offensive against armed separatists in the mainly Russian-speaking east.

Ukrainian troops were also advancing in the neighboring region. Col. Andriy Lyshenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's National Security Council, told reporters on Tues-



Ukrainian soldiers load a Grad missile in their fight against pro-Russian separatists close to Luhansk, eastern Ukraine, on Monday.

PETRO ZADOROZHNYI/WP

day government troops have captured one neighborhood in the regional capital Luhansk and are fighting the rebels on city streets including the city center.

Fighting between government troops

and pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine has forced nearly 344,000 people to flee their homes, according to the United Nations — a number that has only grown as the humanitarian situation in rebel-held

cities deteriorates.

The situation appears to be particularly dire in the city of Luhansk, near the Russian border, which has been left without electricity, running water or phone connections for 17 days. Independent reports from the besieged city are scarce since the area is very dangerous for journalists.

The city hall said in a statement on its website on Tuesday that Luhansk and its city center came under fierce shelling overnight. An unspecified number of civilians were killed or wounded. Residents are standing in lines to buy bread as food supplies are running out, the city hall said. Authorities also raised the alarm about a potential outbreak of infectious diseases since household waste has not been taken out of town for more than two weeks amid sweltering heat.

Ukraine and the West have voiced concern about Russia's military activity at the Ukrainian border. Moscow has said it can do what it wants within its borders but invited a mission from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to observe two border crossings in a bid to counter claims that the Kremlin is supplying the rebels with weapons.

Report warns of anti-aircraft arms in Syria, as FAA bans all flights

By STEPHEN BRAUN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Armed groups in Syria have an estimated several hundred portable anti-aircraft missiles that could easily be diverted to extremists and used to destroy low-flying commercial planes, according to a new report by a respected international research group. It cites the risk that the missiles could be smuggled out of Syria by terrorists.

The report was released just hours after the Federal Aviation Administration issued a notice Monday to U.S. airlines banning all flights in Syrian airspace. The agency said armed extremists in Syria are "known to be equipped with a variety of anti-aircraft weapons which have the capability to threaten civilian aircraft."

The agency said it previously warned against flights over Syria, but had not prohibited them. Small Arms Survey, a Switzerland-based research organization that analyzes the global flow of weapons, published its findings Tuesday following last month's lethal missile attack on a passenger jet flying over Ukraine. The report focuses on launchers and missiles known as "man-portable air defense systems," or MANPADS, which are dangerous to planes flying at lower altitudes or operating off the radar.

The new report estimated that several hundred anti-aircraft missile systems are already in rebel arsenals. Mostly Russian and Chinese in origin, the weapons have been seized by Syrian opposition militias from government and rebel units in regions sympathetic to the insur-

US: Chemical agents destroyed

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration said Monday that it has finished destroying the lethal chemical agents that were removed from Syria after President Bashar Assad's forces were accused of using poison gas against civilians a year ago this week.

In a statement, President Barack Obama hailed the joint civilian and military effort, which destroyed more than 600 tons of sarin and mustard agents, as "an important achievement in our ongoing effort to counter the spread of weapons of mass destruction."

"Going forward, we will watch closely to see that Syria fulfills its commitment to de-

stroy its remaining declared chemical weapons production facilities," Obama said.

After nerve gas killed more than 1,000 people in rebel-held suburbs of east Damascus on Aug. 21 last year, according to U.S. estimates, Assad agreed to surrender his poison gas arsenal and production equipment to international chemical weapons inspectors and thus avoid a threatened retaliatory attack by the U.S. military.

The deal was brokered by Russia, an ally of Assad, to help prevent U.S. airstrikes. But no country agreed to eliminate the dangerous materials on U.S. land. Ultimately, authorities decided to destroy them in international waters.

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and media reports and video footage of anti-aircraft weapons posted online from inside Syria. The extremist Islamic State group that has overrun much of northern and western Iraq also operates inside Syria.

The militants, who have drawn fire from U.S. drones and fighter jets, recently posted an online propaganda video showing one fighter appearing to fire an older-model, Russian-made SA-7 missile system.

The destruction of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 last month was a clear signal that civilian aircraft could be exposed to anti-aircraft missiles at both high and low altitudes, Schroeder said.



ABAS DULLEH/AP

Health workers in Ebola virus prevention protective gear work at an Ebola treatment center in the city of Monrovia, Liberia, on Monday.

Ebola quarantine runaways turn themselves in for care

The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — All the people who were being screened for Ebola when they fled a health center during looting are now back in a hospital, a Liberian official said Tuesday.

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Associated Press.

During the looting, residents of the West Point slum stole bloody sheets and mattresses, which could spread the disease further. It is not clear where those items are.

The raid was the latest setback in the struggle to contain the outbreak, which the World Health Organization said Tuesday has killed more than 1,200 people in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria since it began in December 2013. More than 2,200 have been sickened.

Authorities have had difficulty persuading the sick to seek treatment, relatives have sometimes taken their loved ones away from health centers and mobs have occasionally attacked health workers.

But the WHO said Tuesday that it is seeing some encouraging signs in Guinea, where people from villages that had previously rejected outside help were beginning to seek medical care.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP



GREG LEHMAN, WALLA WALLA (WASH.) UNION BULLETIN/AP

Some like it hot

Five contestants participate in the jalapeno eating contest at the Muddy Frogwater Festival in Milton-Freewater, Ore., on Saturday. Four contestants ate five peppers in two minutes, but Tobey Garcia, second from right in sunglasses, won when he was able to swallow first.

Orthodox Jew files suit over his amputated leg

IL CHICAGO — An Orthodox Jew whose religious traditions suggest that the deceased should be buried whole in preparation for the afterlife is suing Skokie Hospital for cremating his amputated leg instead of preserving the limb to be buried next to him.

Moshe Lefkowitz, 43, alleges in court papers that he told a rabbi working for the hospital and other medical staff of his wishes before surgery to remove his left leg below the knee in March 2011.

He sued the hospital, its owner and the rabbi two years later, seeking more than \$100,000 in damages. The suit was dismissed by a Cook County judge, but an appeals court reversed that ruling late last month and sent the case back for trial.

Woman cited for going into zoo's giraffe pen

WI MADISON — Police said a California woman was cited after climbing into the giraffe exhibit at a Madison zoo and getting kicked in the face.

A police report Amanda Hall, 24, of San Luis Obispo, climbed over one fence and almost got over the second fence of the giraffe enclosure at the Henry Vilas Zoo at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

A 2-year-old, 12-foot-tall giraffe named Wally gave Hall a lick, then turned and kicked her in the face. Zoo staff told police that giraffes are capable of killing lions, so the woman was fortunate that her injuries were not life-threatening.

Police testified Hall for harassment of zoo animals, which carries a fine of \$605. The police report says Hall told officers she

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Jenkins' children, Savannah, 16, and Parker, 14.

climbed into the exhibit because she loves giraffes.

Wedding of accused pill mill ringleader derailed

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — For Anthony Licata, the honeymoon is over.

In fact, it never even began. His intention was to get married about a week ago, then sail away on a 10-day honeymoon cruise around Italy and Greece. Federal prosecutors, however, had less blissful plans.

Just three days before the wedding, authorities swooped in and arrested the South Florida man on federal charges that he operated at least three pill mills in the Atlanta area.

Investigators allege that Licata, 29, who lived in Plantation and Fort Lauderdale, directed operations at the Georgia clinics, issuing orders by phone from his home. They tapped his calls and said he bragged about making \$10,000 a week — or an estimated \$750,000 in the last 18 months.

If convicted of the most serious charge, he could face 30 years to life in prison.

Hacking suspect to be in custody until trial

WA SEATTLE — A federal judge ordered the son of a prominent Russian

The weight in pounds of an alligator found by a group of Alabama hunters on Saturday. Al.com reported that the monster gator was pulled from the water in south Alabama during the state's alligator hunting season. Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries biologists were able to measure the gator at 15 feet, but weighing it posed a challenge. The first attempt destroyed a winch assembly used to hoist most average gators, so they had to use a backhoe to lift the animal. It was caught by Mandy and John Stokes, Kevin Jenkins and the breadth of his activities.

Roman Seleznev, 30, the son of Russian lawmaker Valery Seleznev, appeared Friday in U.S. District Court in Seattle, where he was indicted in 2011 on charges that involved hacking into computerized cash registers, stealing hundreds of thousands of credit card numbers and selling the data online for at least \$2 million.

Seleznev faces similar but unrelated charges in Nevada.

Ex-cop who burned body resented to 17 years

LA NEW ORLEANS — For a second time, a former New Orleans police officer has been sentenced to more than 17 years in prison for burning the body of a man shot to death by another New Orleans police officer in the chaotic days following Hurricane Katrina.

Gregory McRae, 53, already is imprisoned for burning Henry Glover's body. However, an appeals court had ordered a recalculation of his original 17-year sentence after one of his original convictions was thrown out.

In giving the same 17-year,

3-month sentence, U.S. District Judge Lance Africk said Friday that McRae was guilty of covering up an unlawful killing by fellow Officer David Warren. Africk's assertion comes despite a jury's earlier acquittal of Warren.

Large American flag at drawbridge stolen again

CT MYSTIC — A group in Mystic is trying to prevent thieves from stealing a large American flag that flies near the drawbridge in the center of town after it was stolen again over the weekend.

John Kennedy, president of the Mystic Flag Committee, told The Day that the flag was stolen Saturday night. It's the second theft of the flag in three months and the fifth larceny overall.

Kennedy said the latest theft was "more egregious" because the flag was at half-staff in honor of Staff Sgt. Ronald Patterson Jr., of Bridgeport, a Connecticut National Guard member killed in a highway crash Aug. 7 in Rye, N.Y.

Judge lays groundwork in running-death trial

AL GADSDEN — A judge is going to screen twice the number of usual potential jurors for the capital murder trial of an Alabama woman accused of making her 9-year-old granddaughter



SHARON STEINMANN, AL.COM/AP

run until she collapsed and died.

Circuit Judge Billy Ogletree said Monday that there could be "publicity issues" in selecting a jury for the case, which has received widespread news coverage.

Ogletree told lawyers he would call about 750 potential jurors, courthouse officials said about 375 are called for a typical trial.

The trial of Joyce Hardin Garrard, 49, is set for Sept. 22.

Prosecutors said Garrard forced Savannah Hardin to run for about three hours in February 2012 as punishment for a lie. Savannah collapsed and died days later.

Police say drunk driver backed into a cruiser

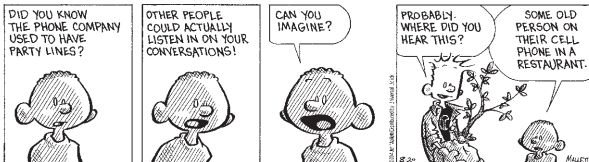
MI GRAND RAPIDS — Grand Rapids police said a man suspected of driving drunk was arrested after backing into a cruiser following a bar fight.

Officers responded to the fight early Monday at Billy's Lounge. Lt. Scott Weitzel told The Grand Rapids Press that the officers pulled up, a man driving a vehicle with several others inside backed into their cruiser.

No one was hurt. Weitzel said the driver of the car heading in reverse was arrested for outstanding warrants and on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

From wire reports

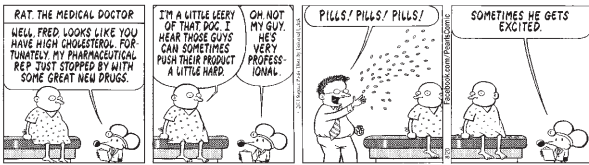
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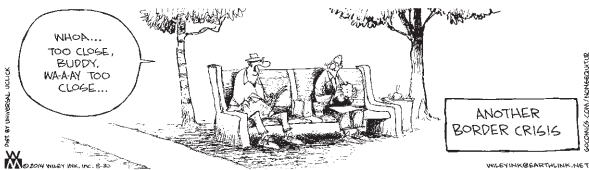
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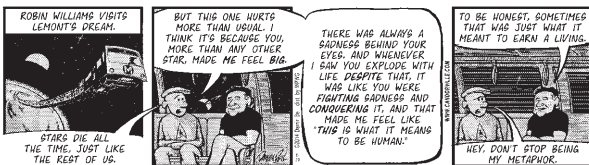
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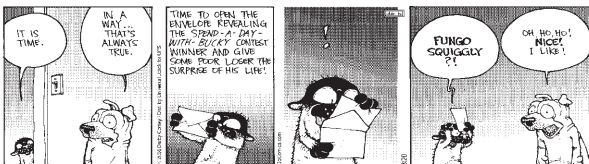
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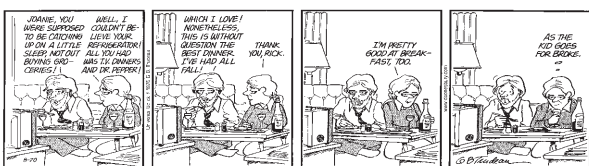
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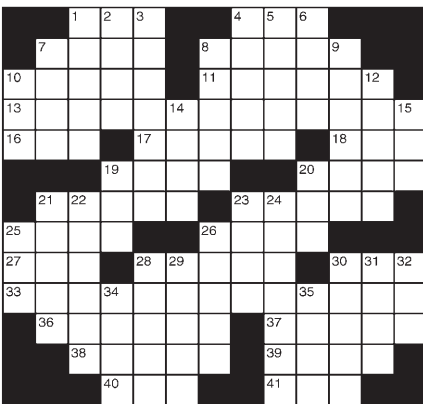
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 11 Too
- 13 Dispenser for the thirsty
- 16 Comedian Philips
- 17 Nitwits
- 18 Wall St. debut
- 19 Ethereal
- 20 From the start
- 21 Exposed
- 23 Accepts
- 25 Slip up
- 26 Cougar
- 27 No longer chic
- 28 Hotel accommodation
- 30 Justice Dept. agency
- 33 Ethan Allen's — Boys
- 36 Dresser
- 37 Pythias' pal
- 38 Wanders
- 39 Former partners
- 40 Tackle moguls
- 41 Accomplished

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- 1 Gambling game
- 2 Rue the workout
- 3 Go for broke
- 4 Sketch show
- 5 Smooths (out)
- 6 Ernie's buddy
- 7 Chowder morsel
- 8 Devout
- 9 "Seinfeld" role
- 10 Shock partner
- 12 "Holy cow!"
- 14 Nixon successor
- 15 Present
- 19 Shrewd stock trader, for short
- 20 Alias abbr.
- 21 Book-jacket paragraph
- 22 Stylish filmmaker
- 23 Ballet frill
- 24 Improved a text
- 25 London atmosphere
- 26 Devout
- 28 Furtive one
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- 32 Hostel
- 34 Cupid's alter ego
- 35 Cab

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals L

FACES

Swift to release '1989' on Oct. 27

By MESFIN FEKADU
The Associated Press

Taylor Swift is saying goodbye to country music, for now: The singer says she's releasing her first full-length pop album on Oct. 27.

The 24-year-old revealed in a livestream via Yahoo! on Monday that "1989," named for her birth year, is her "first documented official pop album."

The first single is the upbeat jam "Shake It Off," which she debuted during the livestream and was released Monday. She danced happily in a cropped white top and skirt with the audience as the song played.

Swift called her upcoming fifth album a "rebirth."

"We made the most sonically cohesive album I've ever made," she said of "1989," which was available

for pre-order on Monday.

Swift's last effort was 2012's "Red," which sold 1.2 million copies in its first week. Swift said she was mainly inspired by late '80s pop music when recording "1989" over the past two years.

"I woke up every day ... not wanting, but needing to make a new style of music than I made before," she told the audience.

The singer also premiered the music video for "Shake It Off" during the livestream. The song was produced by Max Martin and Shellback, who helmed the Swift hits "We Are

Never Ever Getting Back Together" and "I Knew You Were Trouble."

Taylor Swift, who worked extensively with pop producers on 2012's "Red," said her forthcoming release is her "first documented official pop album."

AP

Source: Craig Ferguson to launch new talk show

The Associated Press

Craig Ferguson is close to a deal to launch an early-evening talk show starting in fall 2015. The outgoing host of CBS' "The Late Late Show" would introduce his half-hour syndicated series on stations in a slot just before prime time, according to a source with knowledge of the deal who spoke on the condition of anonymity because that person wasn't authorized to comment publicly.

Ferguson representative didn't immediately respond Monday to a request for comment. Ferguson, who has held a late-night berth on CBS for a decade, will step down in December. In a separate venture, he will host a new syndicated game show, "Celebrity Name Game," beginning next month.

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TV, radio announcer Don Pardo dies at 96

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Pardo graced newscasts, game shows and TV programs for more than 60 years. During the original version of "Jeopardy!," his answers to the question, "Tell 'em what they've won, Don Pardo," became a memorable part of the program.

And he was an integral part of "Saturday Night Live," heralding the cast's names to kick off each show, which led former cast member Jimmy Fallon to comment later, "Nothing is like the moment when Don Pardo says your name."

Other news

■ Philadelphia rapper Meek Mill pleaded to be released from jail Monday to resume his music career and support his son and 30-person entourage, but the judge who jailed him on a parole violation last month was unmoved.

■ Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson says he will play a role in an upcoming DC Comics movie adaptation but has yet to decide between superhero Shazam and his arch-nemesis Black Adam. He might not have a hard time making a decision. He told The Associated Press on Monday that he has always been a fan of anti-heroes and said one of his favorite DC Comics characters is Black Adam.



NBC is going all-out to promote its top drama, "The Blacklist," before its Sept. 22 return.

NBC's 'The Blacklist' gets A-list marketing campaign

By LYNN ELBER
The Associated Press

With TV viewers awash in choices, how can a network bolster a freshman hit's chances of repeating its success in year two? Plot a marketing extravaganza that's nearly inescapable.

For NBC's top-rated drama "The Blacklist," the network has devised a promotion and advertising campaign that will put the show and star James Spader front and center on billboards, faux magazine covers and online before its Sept. 22 return.

Various images of Spader as master criminal Raymond "Red" Reddington will decorate the mock covers on the flip side of 10 magazines, including the August or September issues of Vanity Fair, Rolling Stone, Wired and the New Yorker. Playboy will feature a "Blacklist" cover ad fronting the issue out Tuesday, NBC said.

The network declined to put a price tag on the campaign, but its pull-out-the-stops approach makes sense. "The Blacklist" was among the reasons NBC finished the 2013-14 season as No. 1 among advertiser-favored young adult viewers for the first time in a decade.

"The size and scope of this campaign speak to

both the importance of the series to NBC and the creative ways in which we can get that message out," said Len Fogge, president of marketing and digital for NBC Entertainment.

Megan Boone, Ryan Eggold, Diego Klattenhoff and Harry Lennix co-star in the drama about Reddington's mysterious relationship to a novice FBI agent (Boone) that has made him an unlikely partner in stopping the world's foremost bad guys.

The show already has gotten serious love from the network, which gave it the January 2015 post-Super Bowl slot — a chance to introduce it to TV's largest audience and garner new fans. That placement comes after "The Blacklist," which debuts Monday, Sept. 22, moves to a Thursday home in February.

Also part of NBC's marketing plan: ■ Murals of Reddington created by six artists will be displayed in busy areas of major cities and made available to view online.

■ One-liners by the darkly droll Reddington will be set to the rock tune "Back in Black" and played from morning to late night on NBC and on sister cable channels that are part of NBCUniversal.

■ Los Angeles and New York billboards will feature the magazine cover campaign, with other billboard displays nationally.



Hamm honored to get Cardinals bobblehead

The Associated Press

Jon Hamm joked that the bobblehead the St. Louis Cardinals honored him with was "probably repurposed" from a Matt Carpenter model.

"It's great; it's fantastic. It's amazing how many people I've had ask me to get them one," Hamm said before throwing the first pitch Monday night for the Cardinals' game against the Cincinnati Reds. "That was the weird thing — aunts and uncles and friends of all stripes, so I'll probably need about 40 of them."

The "Mad Men" star, a lifelong Cardinals fan who grew up in the suburbs, stars in the baseball movie "Million Dollar Arm."

Hamm, who grew up in Normandy, Mo., graduated from John Burroughs High School and Missouri before emerging as Don Draper in the hit AMC television series.

Portions of the proceeds from the bobblehead event went to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Hamm lost his mother to cancer and father to diabetes.

"It's an organization like no other," Hamm said.

WIRED WORLD



PHOTOS BY LOUIS KRAUSS, THE BALTIMORE SUN/MCT

Arjun Rao, second from right, and Daniel Rodriguez, right, compete in July in a tournament at Xanadu in Arbutus, Md., as commentators Phillip Stewart, left, and Terrence Kershaw, second from left, look on.

Professional video gamers look to make money playing e-sports

BY LOUIS KRAUSS
The Baltimore Sun

It's a tense moment in the Xanadu game store.

The grand finals of the weekly tournament for Super Smash Bros. "Project M" recently started. The room is crammed with players, televisions and Wii game systems, but everyone's attention is fixed on the one big screen in the corner, where two final players are duking it out.

Smash Bros. is a video game that pits Nintendo characters — think Super Mario, the Italian plumber, Donkey Kong, the agile ape and Princess Peach, the gal who swings a mean parasol — against one another in a matchup that's part all-star game, part glorified sumo wrestling match.

An observer might look in this room and see 50 decidedly nonathletic, 20-something guys slamming caffeinated sports drinks and mashing controller buttons with silent concentration, cackling madly and uttering unprintable epithets and trash talk.

But the players aren't really "there" in the brick-and-mortar store — they're on a field of combat that floats in midair, requiring them to use not muscles and mass but reflexes and strategy to keep from plummeting to their doom or being beaten by opponents.

Smash Bros., a fighting game in the same vein as Street Fighter, drops players onto a cluster of small platforms where the only goal is to knock the opponent senseless until they fall off the stage four times in a best-of-three set.

These gamers might not look like traditional athletes, but in the virtual world, the good ones command similar respect for their skill. And because gamers put so much time and effort into their craft, many are trying to turn e-sports into a source of income.

The biggest stars in strategy games such as Dota 2 and League of Legends, with



From left, gamers Scott Sangkavasi, 28, of Baltimore, Aaron Brown, 20, of Baltimore, and Chris Lobos, 29, of Savage, prepare to play on stream at the weekly Xanadu Smash Bros. "Project M" tournament in Arbutus.

corporate endorsements, say they have six-figure incomes. They compete live — and online — before rabid fans. Some matchups are organized by Major League Gaming, which is trying to be the NFL of Internet sports and offers prize pools of up to \$6 million.

In fighting games such as Smash Bros., the prize pools aren't nearly as big. This summer's biggest winner, Mango, made only about \$15,000 from recent tournaments.

The recent Xanadu event was smaller still, with only about a \$350 prize pool. While the local fan base is clearly not as big as in, say, South Korea, where gaming is practically the national sport, there are players trying to make it big in the Smash Bros. scene.

One of the people who has helped kickstart a new wave of professional gamers is Calvin Lofton, 24, who recently dropped

his day job to focus entirely on his popular Smash Bros. online stream channel, Video Game Boot Camp, which he has been building since 2009.

With over 500 subscribers who pay \$5 per month and ad revenue from the video game stream hub Twitch.tv, Lofton has been able to focus on his one-man production company that travels to all the major Smash Bros. tournaments.

"Part of what I do now for my site is get people seen, kind of like a recruiter. In college and even high school, you've got ... scouts who offer them scholarships to schools, and it's similar to e-sports sponsors," Lofton said. "Since this is so new, gamers don't know how to get recognized by sponsors, so hopefully my streams will help that."

It seems to be working, as thousands of people watch the stream each week, allowing viewers to get acquainted with top-level

"Smashers."

One of the gamers is Daniel Rodriguez, aka ChuDat, who consistently has been a top Smash Bros. player. However, at 27, he acknowledges that his best days are behind him.

"Nowadays, the top players are guys in their late teens or early 20s; it's all because they have much better reaction time," Rodriguez said. "While (we) older guys definitely have more knowledge and strategy, it's hard to make up for the speed that we lack because our eyes can't adapt fast enough anymore."

Even though Rodriguez has constantly been near the top of Smash Bros. player rankings, he hasn't been a full-time player. He'll be a senior at George Mason next year, where he'll try to complete a finance degree.

But while some of the best Smash Bros. players have always worried about making a living from the game, developments in the past year have made that more obtainable.

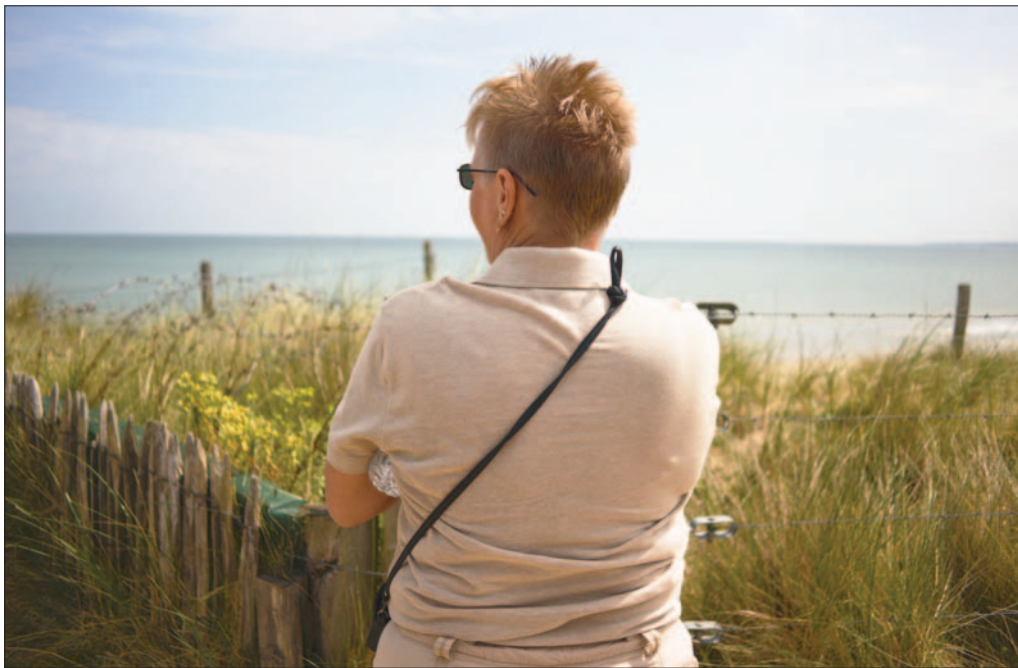
In January, sponsored e-sports teams such as Cloud9, Curse and Evil Geniuses, which initially had signed only players from strategy games such as League of Legends, began signing Smash Bros. players.

"This phenomenon of having sponsors is really a big help for people like me who have a lot of stuff outside of gaming to worry about because they pay for all my trip expenses," said Rodriguez, a member of the e-sports team Mortality.

While people at Xanadu take their matches seriously, one of the things they enjoy most about the tournaments is the sense of community. Devin Gajewski said his favorite part is how open everyone seems to be.

"No one's going to say 'You're too weird,' or 'You're not good enough for the Smash community.' We really do have every kind of person in our community," Gajewski said. "Yeah, we might tease each other once in a while, but we're really accepting."

EUROPE



Bonnie Schmitz and her daughter, Tech. Sgt. Tamera Hall, visit Utah Beach in Normandy, France, where Schmitz' father, Lynn Stockdill, landed June 7, 1944 — the day after D-Day — as well as the Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, France.

NORMANDY:

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS

EUROPE



Top: Tamera Hall, kneeling, and her mother tour the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mère, Normandy.

Above: Dick and Bonnie Schmitz and Tamera Hall view exhibits on display at the Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mère-Eglise.



Top: Schmitz and her daughter visit the Airborne Museum.

Above: Glider soldiers are depicted inside a Waco CG-4A glider at the museum in Sainte-Mère-Eglise.



Lynn Stockdill is shown on June 15, 1945, in Liege, Belgium, left, and on March 1, 1945, in Holland, right.

Courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Tamera Hall

Family members retrace grandfather's World War II journey

By JOSHUA L. DEMOTT
Stars and Stripes

Lynn Stockdill was a 20-year-old military policeman attached to the 101st Airborne Division when he arrived on Utah Beach on June 7, 1944 — D-Day plus one.

In a letter to his future wife, he wrote tenderly of his love for her and memories of home. He only briefly referred to his arrival on the beaches of Normandy in Nazi-occupied France the day after allied troops stormed the beaches at great human cost.

"Well, Arlene, I imagine even before you received this letter that you had guessed that I'm no longer in England, nor have I been for some time. But don't let it worry you honey because actually I'm just as safe here as I was in England," Stockdill wrote. "To tell the truth I'm real lucky. I'm back here where it's safe and all I had to give up when I came here was

my cot, and well for some of the fellows up front it isn't quite that simple."

Seventy years later, his daughter Bonnie Schmitz and granddaughter, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Tamera Hall, retraced his steps using a map he kept of his wartime travels.

They devised the trip, Schmitz said, once they knew that her daughter was to be stationed in Germany.

"We thought it would really be cool if we could go to Normandy, being Dad had landed there," Schmitz said.

In the fall of 1945, Stockdill returned to North Dakota, where he was born on his parent's rural farm in what is now the ghost town of Hartland. He married his sweetheart about a year later and went on to raise a family.

Like many in his generation, however, he didn't talk about the war much and never showed any interest in returning to Europe. But one day, when Schmitz's two boys were visiting their grandparents on



MULTIMEDIA

View a video and more photos from the journey of Dick and Bonnie Schmitz and Tamera Hall as well as Lynn Stockdill's wartime letters at stripes.com/go/journey

the farm, she recalled, her oldest son had brought along the movie "Saving Private Ryan."

The boys said their grandfather watched the entire movie very quietly. When it was over, he got out the pocket map that he carried with him during the war and showed them the routes he traveled, marked in pencil.

Using the map, letters that Stockdill wrote home to his sweetheart and the few stories that he did eventually share, Hall and Schmitz were able to piece together a plan to retrace his steps.

Starting in the village of Sainte-Mère-

Église in Normandy with their husbands, Dick Schmitz and Ray Hall, they visited the Airborne Museum and were overwhelmed by emotion. But tears turned to smiles by the time the group continued on to Utah Beach. Hall spoke of her grandfather's lighthearted spirit. Stockdill passed away in 2010.

"I think that we spend so much time being sad," Hall said. "And being able to laugh and enjoy that whole trip is probably how grandpa would've wanted it."

Schmitz and Hall gained insight and understanding on their trip, though both said it was hard to put into words why the trip was important. It was a way to honor a man they adored.

"It's being able to walk where he did and see the things that he saw," Hall said. "But being able to share that with him, even though he's not here, kind of keeps that bond alive."

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

McDonald's faces its junk food image

By Candice Choi
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — At a dinner McDonald's hosted for reporters and bloggers, waiters served cuisine prepared by celebrity chefs using ingredients from the chain's menu.

A Kung Pao chicken appetizer was made with Chicken McNuggets doused in sweet and sour sauce and garnished with parsley. Slow-cooked beef was served with gnocchi fashioned out of McDonald's french fries and a fruit sauce from its smoothie mix. For dessert, its biscuit mix was used to make a pumpkin spice "biscuit," a biscuit-doughnut hybrid.

The dishes weren't intended for McDonald's restaurants. Instead, the evening was part of a campaign by McDonald's to shake its reputation for serving cheap, unhealthy food. At a time when Americans are paying closer attention to what they eat, the company is trying to sway public opinion by first reaching out to the



A man has breakfast at a McDonald's restaurant in New York. McDonald's is seeing its reputation for serving cheap, greasy fare as a growing liability.

reporters and bloggers who write and speak about McDonald's. It's just one way McDonald's is trying to change its image. In the past 18 months, the chain has introduced the option to substitute egg whites in breakfast

sandwiches and rolled out chicken wraps as its first menu item with customers. Last fall, it announced plans to give people the choice of a salad instead of fries in combo meals.

The company faces an uphill battle, especially if the past is any indication. The salads it introduced more than a decade ago account for just 2 to 3 percent of sales. And the chain last year discontinued its Fruit & Walnut salad and premium Angus burgers, which analysts said were priced too high for McDonald's customers at around \$5.

The problem is that some people don't consider McDonald's a place to get high quality food, in part because the prices are so low. And while McDonald's has added salads and a yogurt parfait to its menu over the years, Americans are gravitating toward other attributes, like organic produce and meat raised with antibiotics.

Adding to its challenge, McDonald's can't seem to raise prices without driving people away.

Pressured by rising costs for beef and other ingredients, the chain tried to move away from the Dollar Menu in 2012 with an "Extra Value Menu" where items were priced at around \$2.

But customers are apparently righteous about the \$1 price point, and the strategy was scrapped. Last year, McDonald's changed its tactic a bit, hoping not to turn off customers. It tweaked the name of the "Dollar Menu" to the "Dollar Menu & More."

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Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.63
30-year bond	3.20

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City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	51	73	Pdly	Chatanooga	91	72	Pdly	Fort Wayne	84	63	Pdly	Louisville	90	74	Rain	Pocatello	82	57	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	55	73	Cldy	Cheyenne	80	57	Cldy	Fresno	94	69	Cldy	Lubbock	91	68	Pdly	Portland, Maine	78	58	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	82	65	Rain	Chicago	84	68	Pdly	Goodland	96	65	Pdly	Macon	94	74	Pdly	Portland, Ore.	78	58	Cldy
Albuquerque	83	64	Pdly	Cincinnati	85	70	Cldy	Grand Junction	81	58	Cldy	Madison	82	65	Cldy	Providence	78	58	Cldy
Albuquerque	85	62	Cldy	Cleveland	82	65	Cldy	Grand Rapids	79	62	Cldy	Medford	87	58	Pdly	Pueblo	90	60	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	84	62	Cldy	Colorado Springs	84	58	Cldy	Great Falls	81	55	Cldy	Memphis	96	75	Pdly	Raleigh-Durham	83	71	Pdly
Amarillo	83	67	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	98	75	Pdly	Green Bay	77	60	Pdly	Miami Beach	91	79	Cldy	Rapid City	86	68	Cldy
Anchorage	65	48	Cldy	Columbia, Mo.	94	76	Pdly	Hartford	82	64	Cldy	Milwaukee	79	65	Cldy	Reno	89	60	Cldy
Asheville	86	66	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	82	57	Pdly	Harrisburg	82	64	Cldy	Missoula	81	53	Pdly	Richmond	79	64	Cldy
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OPINION

New order for GOP presidential hopefuls

By ALBERT R. HUNT
 Bloomberg News

In the realm of Republican presidential politics, this has been a good year for Sens. Rand Paul, of Kentucky, and Ted Cruz, of Texas. It hasn't been as kind to former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush or Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

It's sobering to recall that less than a year ago the hottest Republican properties were New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. Both then went into free fall. Christie was hit by a scandal at home, Rubio by his support for immigration reform. Their positions have stabilized, but these setbacks still weigh.

The three central criteria for a top-tier contender at this stage are a proven ability to put together a network of supporters, a robust fundraising capacity and the strong probability of running.

"The one guy you can say for sure that's going to be in it is Rand Paul," says Vin Weber, who was co-chairman of the Mitt Romney campaign and John McCain's earlier quest, and isn't in the Paul wing of the party.

Paul, a 51-year-old freshman senator, inherits his father's base. Ron Paul ran for president several times — with a better and more appealing outreach. He's brought his libertarian message to minorities — last week, he criticized the police for the killing of a black teenager in Ferguson, Mo. — and college students, and has made four trips to Iowa, site of the first caucuses.

He has sought to play down his isolationist views, insisting that he supports Israel as well as the recent U.S. airstrikes against jihadis in Iraq. Yet the party's neoconservative wing, foremost former Vice President Dick Cheney, are unyielding in their opposition to Paul.

Cruz, also a short-term senator, continues to touch all the politically erogenous zones



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie addresses a gathering during a town hall meeting Thursday in Ocean City, N.J.

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of the right-wing base: anti-everything in Washington and related to President Barack Obama, as well as checking off all the social conservative boxes.

"There's a lot of Ted Cruz buzz out here; he has exposed the system," says Bob Vander Plaats, an ultraconservative activist in Iowa.

In contrast to Paul, Cruz, 43, takes a hawkish line on national security; he sounds like he's running. One impediment could be if former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee jumped in and they split the social conservative vote.

Another consideration has been the possibility of a run by Texas Gov. Rick Perry. Last time, Perry flopped as a candidate, but he had made a surprising comeback: more polished, sporting those serious-looking black glasses, and more comfortable. On Friday, however, a Texas grand jury indicted Perry, 64, on charges of coercion and abuse of power. The governor's allies claim this is a partisan witch hunt.

The first choice of the pro-business party establishment would be Jeb Bush, 61. But he doesn't act like an eager candidate. An influential supporter in an early voting state says contacts with the Bush

inner circle have diminished. He has huge name recognition, yet registers mediocre numbers in both primary and general-election polls.

Walker, 46, a success in a blue state, was considered in the first tier. But a miniscandal and a tight re-election this autumn have dashed his prospects.

Some smart party strategists still think they should look to the state houses. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is interested. Conservatives mention Indiana's Mike Pence, and if John Kasich wins a big re-election in Ohio, he will make the list.

The most surprising chatter lately has been about a former governor: Mitt Romney, the losing Republican 2012 nominee. This is ironic given that top party ideageners such as Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan — Romney's running mate and the probable next chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee — are promoting economic and anti-poverty plans designed to strike distance from Romney's identification with the wealthy.

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Crashers needed for 2-party political system

By RALPH NADER

The word "spoiler," when applied only to small-party candidates, is an epithet of political bigotry. It says to people who want to enter the electoral arena and talk about ignored but important issues that they should not do so.

It says the big two parties own all the voters, and they should not be taken away by third-party candidates who can't win. Nor should these candidates be given an opportunity to build voter familiarity and an eventual chance at winning over several elections.

Many Americans, despite their disgust with the behavior of the two major parties, think nothing of telling people not to run because they'll be "spoilers." That is equivalent to telling candidates to shut up — a nasty demand that one would not readily use in daily interactions.

Even so, I was surprised that my mere signing of former Connecticut state legislator Jonathan Pelt's petition, along with thousands of other state voters, to get him on the gubernatorial ballot, made news. After all, giving voters more choices and voices in an election year should be as American as apple pie and the Fourth of July. Except that it isn't.

What is someone like Jonathan Pelt to do? Apparently, shut up and get in line with politicians from either major party who together in Congress are registering near single digits in national approval polls.

A deep-rooted syndrome plagues the two-party tyranny that claims third-party or independent candidates are "spoilers." A

recent editorial in the Manchester (Conn.) Journal Inquirer displayed this censorious attitude: "If they cannot have their own way in implementing their own idea within the two-party system they move to act as spoilers. Their refusal to accept the two-party system as a reality of American life only makes them ineffective in implementing their ideas."

This is breathtaking duopolistic, autocratic thinking.

What if both parties continually reject even considering cracking down on corporate crimes, crony capitalism or corporate welfare? What if they reject a proven, superior way to educate children? What if they refuse to consider an end to unconstitutional wars or to a grotesquely twisted tax system favoring the rich and powerful — to name a few of the major agenda items not even on the table for discussion by the two parties?

The mentality that smaller party dissenters are "spoilers" starts in elementary schools. Scholastic magazine floods classrooms in presidential election years with materials talking about only two choices from the two major parties. Teachers have complained to me that it is hard to get approved classroom materials that reflect the history of third-party contributions over the years.

A freedom-loving democratic view is that everyone has an equal right to run for elective office. Since all candidates are trying to get votes from one another, they are all "spoilers" to each other.

Perpetuating an entrenched two-party politics, maintained in a corporation that is voraciously driving our country into the

ground, while exporting jobs and industries to suppressive fascist and communist regimes abroad, should not go uncontested.

Aren't we glad that enough voters split away from the Democratic and Whig parties in 1840 to vote for the antislavery Liberty Party? Or that after the Civil War, voters supported third parties pushing for women's right to vote and Progressive Era regulations of railroads, banks and other industries to protect farmers and workers? Those smaller parties exposed the rot and ruinous policies of the business-driven politics of the day. The major parties eventually got the message. We are the beneficiaries today.

All voters have the right to a choice of qualifying candidates on the ballot. Lacking that choice, voters should be able to write in a name or vote for a binding "none of the above." This is how people can start taking on the spoiled exclusivity domination of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Those who throw the charge of "spoilers" need to be reminded that running for public office is the consummate use of the First Amendment — namely, to exercise the right to freedom of speech, petition and assembly.

Remember that the words "political parties," "corporation" and "company" are not even mentioned in our Constitution, raising the central question of why they are ruling "we the people" today.

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OPINION

Slash the Pentagon's mysterious slush fund

By WILLIAM D. HARTUNG

As if monitoring the Pentagon's enormous budget were not difficult enough, every year Congress also has to deal with a separate war budget. Known in Washington-ese as the Overseas Contingency Operations, or OCO, account, it is submitted separately. It was originally meant to cover the costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but it has since grown into an all-purpose funding mechanism for almost anything the Pentagon wants.

To make matters worse this year, the budget came in late because the Obama administration was waiting until it could determine how many U.S. troops would remain in Afghanistan after 2014. Its decision — to leave about 10,000 troops in place — is still subject to debate. What isn't debatable is that it's a bad idea to allow the OCO budget to remain an open-ended account that can be used to pay for the Pentagon's pet projects or to start new wars.

Although the OCO request is lower than last year's, the administration has made no secret of its desire to keep funds available well beyond what's needed to wind down the U.S. presence in Afghanistan. In a mid-July congressional hearing, Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr. gave the administration's most detailed accounting yet of what is in its proposed fiscal year 2015 war budget. And yet, it left a great deal to the imagination.

Two large chunks of money — \$11 billion for "overseas contingency operations" in Afghanistan and \$4 billion to fund the Afghan military and police forces — are clearly Afghan War-related. The same can be said for only a fraction of the remaining \$43 billion in the Pentagon's OCO request.

Nearly half of that \$43 billion is earmarked "to carry out the entire array of support activities by units and forces oper-

ating in the Central Command area outside of Afghanistan, including ... the Arabian Gulf region."

This is an astonishing range of potential activities and locales, which could include the building blocks for wars anywhere from Iran to Iraq to Somalia. For example, the Obama administration has indicated that it plans to pay for the current military operation in Iraq with OCO funds, despite calls from many in Congress that it seek separate authorization for this action.

So, although there is no question that some U.S. military assets in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean provide logistics and combat support for U.S. troops in Afghanistan, many of them do not. The Pentagon needs to come up with a much more specific justification for this part of the OCO budget, in keeping with the draw-down of troops in Afghanistan to 10,000 over the next two years. The Defense Department should also explain whether it contemplates reducing some of these supporting units and activities once the war in Afghanistan is over.

Another dubious OCO budget item — for the not insubstantial sum of \$9.2 billion — is the "repair or replacement of equipment, including small sums for equipment still returning after service in Iraq." The truth is that with the Army as whole scheduled to be reduced by about one-quarter in the next five years, and with a trillion dollars in new or upgraded equipment purchased during the 2000s, there is no need to repair or replace very much of what was destroyed or damaged in Iraq or Afghanistan. Besides, according to Army and Air Force officials, the Pentagon intends to leave large quantities of equipment in Afghanistan, trimming whatever transportation costs might otherwise have been required as part of pulling out of that country.

The ultimate proof that the OCO budget is threatening to become a permanent repository for unneeded projects and bad



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Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work and Undersecretary of Defense Michael McCord, left to right, prepare to testify at a House Armed Services Committee hearing on DOD's fiscal year 2015 Overseas Contingency Operations budget request on July 16.

ideas is this item: the president's proposed \$5 billion Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund, \$4 billion of which would go to the Pentagon to "support increased partner capacity building ... and increase the department's flexibility in responding to emerging crises." It's hard to find a broader definition than that.

This budget proposal specifies only that \$500 million of that money will go to train and equip moderate members of the Syrian opposition. What will the rest of the money be spent on? And when it comes to training and equipping Syrians, how will the administration decide who is a moderate, and how will it keep U.S. arms from falling into the hands of extremist forces, as has happened in Iraq?

For once, Congress is paying attention. Members of the House Armed Services Committee from both parties have denounced the administration's OCO request as a slush fund. And Rep. Austin Scott, R-Kan., and others have questioned whether the Counterterrorism Partnerships program will make it too easy for the president to go to war. In keeping with these concerns, Congress should scale back the war budget and demand clearer justifications for the requested money, in particular for the Counterterrorism Partnerships program. It's time to rein in the Pentagon's slush fund.

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Nation's true heroes fought to expose, end torture

By JAMEEL JAFFER
and LARRY SIEMS

After more than a decade of denial and concealment on the part of our government, President Barack Obama's recent acknowledgment that "we tortured some folks" felt like a milestone. Even in its spare, reflective phrasing, the president's statement opened up the possibility, finally, of national reflection, contrition and accountability.

But the president moved quickly to limit that conversation, pointing those who authorized torture as "patriots" who were making difficult decisions under enormous pressure and urging the public not to feel "sanctimonious" because our military and intelligence leaders have "tough jobs."

Obama was wrong to do this, and not only because patriotism isn't a defense to criminal conduct. The deeper problem with the president's account is that it consigned to obscurity the true heroes of the story: the courageous men and women throughout the military and intelligence services who kept faith with our values, and who fought to expose and end the torture.

Missing from Obama's remarks was any recognition that the decision to endorse torture was a collective one. In fact, that decision was challenged over and over in interrogation rooms and conference rooms and at every level of government. Soldiers intervened to protect prisoners from cruelty. FBI agents refused to participate in CIA and military interrogations. Military judge advocates general decried

In every branch of the service, men and women of conscience risked their careers to expose abuse and to confront those who authorized it.

the withholding of Geneva Conventions protections and rejected the arguments of civilian lawyers justifying torture. Military prosecutors at the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, resigned rather than prosecute prisoners on the basis of coerced evidence. Some CIA agents were so vocal about the abuses they saw in the field that they sparked a major agency investigation.

In every branch of the service, as well as in the intelligence agencies and diplomatic corps, men and women of conscience risked their careers to expose abuse and to confront those who authorized it. FBI interrogator Ali Soufan challenged CIA torturers in one of the agency's infamous "black sites," and later testified before Congress to debunk the CIA's claims that its cruel methods were effective. When military investigators alerted Alberto Mora, then Navy general counsel, about the abuse of prisoners at Guantanamo, Mora waged a campaign to reverse Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's disastrous decision to

endorse abuse by military interrogators. Guantanamo prosecutor Lt. Col. Darrel Vandeveld refused to prosecute a teenager he learned had been abused in U.S. detention in Afghanistan and Guantanamo, a decision for which Vandeveld was barred from the prosecutor's office, confined to his residence and threatened with dismissal from the Army.

Behind people like Soufan, Mora and Vandeveld were hundreds of other soldiers and intelligence officers who made no less risky decisions to stand against practices they knew were wrong.

Over the last decade, several of the architects of the torture program have written memoirs. Unsurprisingly, those who opposed the decision to authorize torture make only rare appearances in these accounts. Rumsfeld writes in his memoir, "Known and Unknown," that his licensing of brutal methods at Guantanamo in 2002 was "uncontroversial," and that his decision to reauthorize many of those techniques in spring 2003 was "unanimously endorsed" by a legal team. Readers of George Tenet, the former CIA director; John Rizzo, once the CIA's chief lawyer; or Jose Rodriguez, former head of the CIA's clandestine service, could be forgiven for thinking that no one ever broached the possibility of not torturing prisoners.

In telling their stories, the men who sanctioned torture cast themselves as patriots driven by their desire to protect the country. We assume they were. But what's inexcusable is that their accounts

diminish or omit the stories of those who were equally committed to protecting the country — but who questioned their superiors and risked their careers to challenge what we now know were illegal, ineffective and immoral policies.

It is easy to understand why those who authorized torture would want to suppress the stories of those who opposed it. But neither the president nor anyone else should participate in this revisionism. To pretend that the decision to sanction torture was dictated by circumstance — that our leaders had no other choice, that anyone in their position would have done the same thing — not only excuses and justifies the terrible choice made by our political leaders but obscures the actions of the courageous men and women who stayed true to our foundational commitments even as their superiors abandoned them.

With the imminent release of the Senate Intelligence Committee's account of the CIA interrogation program, the president will have other opportunities to tell the story of how our country came to endorse torture. As he does, he should tell the stories of the dissenters. He should honor their courage. It is time for the country to hear the history that torture's architects have sought for so long to suppress.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ducks depend on Grasu to hold the line

Senior center back to anchor offensive line, protect Mariota

By ANNE M. PETERSON
The Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon senior center Hroniss Grasu never would have played football if his parents had their way.

Steve and Mariana Grasu, immigrants from Romania, preferred soccer over American football, which they saw as too dangerous.

It was only reluctantly that Grasu was allowed to kick for his high school team, and when a coach put him on the offensive line, well, he didn't exactly mention it to his folks.

It was a long, silent ride home when the Grasus attended their son's first game.

"They enjoy it now," he said, laughing. "They come to every single game, home and away. I think I've got the family hooked on football."

Lucky for Oregon the Grasus allowed their son to keep playing. Now a senior, Grasu is unquestionably the No. 3 Ducks' anchor, according to quarterback Marcus Mariota.

Grasu, who is 6-foot-3 and just shy of 300 pounds, is considered one of the best players at his position in the nation, and he's on the preseason watch lists for the Outland and Rimington trophies.

He leads a strong group of linemen that helped Oregon lead the Pac-12 in rushing, scoring and total offense last season. The line was to return all five starters, but Tyler Johnstone injured his right knee during fall camp and is out for the season.

"We've got so many guys on this team who are on the same page as me, guys that have a lot of experience and a lot of playing time. But we have so much work to get done," Grasu said. "We've always got to get a new standard, reach a new standard, and then set another one."

Grasu grew up in the Los Angeles area, where his parents own a chain of pizza parlors. His older brother, Nico, was a kicker at Washington State.

He became Oregon's starting center as a redshirt freshman after beating out Kerrington Armstrong for the job. At the time, then-coach Chip Kelly said the best compliment he could give Grasu was that he never had to think about him.

But Grasu is just as important to the Ducks for his role off the field. Players often mention that he is everyone's go-to teammate for advice. For the past two seasons the team has honored him with the Todd Doney Award for the player that best represents the "spirituality, dedication and brotherhood associated with being an outstanding teammate." The award is



RICK SCUTERI/AP

Oregon center Hroniss Grasu stands his ground in a Nov. 23, 2013 game against Arizona. Despite being a solid NFL prospect at center, Grasu passed on the opportunity to return for his senior season and protect quarterback Marcus Mariota.

named after the Oregon defensive back who drowned in an accident shortly before the 2008 season.

Considered a solid NFL prospect at center, Grasu instead opted to return to the Ducks for his senior year. Mariota and cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Okoloma also decided to stick around for another season.

"It's not 'unfinished business.' It's about coming back for this team, coming back for this community, for this coaching staff. It's about becoming better football players. It's

about becoming a better team. That's what it's all about," he said. "Obviously our goal is to win a national championship. It's no secret at all. If we prepare like we should prepare, if we practice like we should practice, the sky's the limit for this team."

Mariota averaged nearly 282 yards passing per game and threw for 31 touchdowns with only four interceptions last season. While protecting him is obviously key to Oregon's success, Grasu said Oregon may have relied on him a bit too much. That's

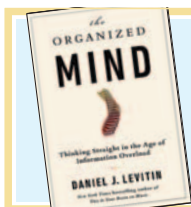
why Grasu's goal this year is to put more of an emphasis on the team effort.

"Every touchdown that happens with this offense is a highlight to me, because obviously the offensive line had something to do with it," he said. "When I see Marcus score, when I see (wide receiver) Keaton Lowe score, when I see (running back) Byron Marshall score, that's like the offensive line is also scoring the touchdown. It's all for the team, it's what we do as a team together."

Did you know

Oregon center Hroniss Grasu is a first-generation American whose parents emigrated from Romania.

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JAY CHILTON, THE NORMAN TRANSCRIPT/AP

Oklahoma freshman running back Joe Mixon leaves Cleveland County Courthouse in Norman, Okla., after being arraigned on misdemeanor assault charges on Monday. Mixon is accused of knocking a woman unconscious with a punch and breaking several bones in her face.

Briefs

Sooners suspend RB Mixon for year after assault charge

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma has suspended freshman running back Joe Mixon for the season after he pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of assault.

Mixon, one of the nation's top recruits, is accused of knocking a woman unconscious with a punch and breaking several bones in her face last month.

A release from the school Monday said university President David Boren accepted the recommendation of athletic director Joe Castiglione and coach Bob Stoops to suspend Mixon. He will be excluded from all team activities and removed from the team roster.

The school said with appropriate conditions, Mixon will be permitted to continue as a student, eligible for financial aid.

"As the university has demonstrated in the past, we are committed to winning the right way," school officials said. "As an example to others, OU sets the highest possible standards for its student athletes, coaches and staff."

According to a probable cause affidavit released by the Cleveland County District Attorney's office, the alleged victim told police Mixon directed a homosexual slur

at her friend and there was an argument. The affidavit said that according to surveillance video, the woman then pushed Mixon and Mixon lunged at her. The woman then slapped Mixon in the face, and he reacted by punching her in the face. She fell onto a table, then to the ground, and Mixon then left the scene. The woman suffered a fractured jaw, broken cheek bone, fractured sinus and "fractured orbit" near her left eye.

Ohio State QB Miller reinjures shoulder

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two-time Big Ten offensive player of the year Braxton Miller, considered among the top contenders for the Heisman Trophy, reportedly reinjured his throwing shoulder in practice Monday.

Miller, a senior, had missed spring practice after surgery on his right shoulder. He had been held out of a scrimmage and practices during fall camp after experiencing some soreness. But he proclaimed last week he was healthy and ready to go.

If Miller is unable to play in the fifth-ranked Buckeyes' opener on Aug. 30 against Navy, redshirt

freshman J.T. Barrett would likely get the start, backed by sophomore Cardale Jones.

In other college football news: ■ Michigan wide receiver Cson'te York, who is facing assault charges, has been dismissed from the team.

■ Mississippi State offensive lineman Damien Robinson is out for the season after suffering a knee injury during a scrimmage.

■ South Carolina reserve cornerback Jamari Smith is out for the season after breaking his left foot at a scrimmage last weekend.

■ Duke tight end Braxton Deaver will miss the season after tearing a knee ligament. Team officials said Deaver injured his right anterior cruciate ligament Monday in practice.

■ Sophomore Danny Eting will be Purdue's starting quarterback when Western Michigan visits Aug. 30, coach Darrell Hazell said Monday.

■ Iowa State has named junior Sam Richardson its starting quarterback. Cyclones coach Paul Rhoads said Monday that Richardson won the job following a competition in camp with Grant Rohach. The Cyclones open against North Dakota State on Aug. 30.

Briefly

Golfing great Palmer receives pacemaker

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Arnold Palmer has had a pacemaker implanted to correct an abnormal heartbeat.

According to his website, Palmer had successful surgery Monday at the UPMC Presbyterian Hospital. The 84-year-old Palmer was to remain in the hospital overnight for observation. He is expected to be released on Tuesday.

Golf Channel earlier this year produced a three-part documentary called "Arnnie," which was broadcast the week after the Masters in April. The seven-time major champion remains one of the most enduring figures in golf.

Palmer turns 85 on Sept. 10.

Settlement reached in Moore-Bertuzzi lawsuit

TORONTO — A settlement has been reached in Steve Moore's lawsuit against former Vancouver Canucks forward Todd Bertuzzi for his career-ending hit during an NHL game 10 years ago.

Bertuzzi lawyer Geoff Adair confirmed the settlement but says the terms are confidential. The multimillion-dollar lawsuit had been scheduled to go to trial Sept. 8.

Bertuzzi struck Moore from behind, sending the Colorado Avalanche player crashing face first to the ice and leaving him with a concussion and fractured vertebrae. Moore alleges the Canucks had put a bounty on him following his check that injured captain Markus Naslund.

Bertuzzi pleaded guilty to criminal assault causing bodily harm. He was sentenced in 2006 to one year of probation and 80 hours of community service.

In other NHL news: ■ The NHL's pre-draft scouting combine will be held in Buffalo the next two seasons. The combine had been held outside Toronto, inside a convention center that provided no on-ice testing and little room for fans. The Pittsburgh Penguins also were finalists to host the combine.

■ The Chicago Blackhawks signed 33-year-old goaltender Michael Leighton to a one-year contract on Monday.

Gibbs Racing hires Edwards, Suarez for 2015

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — Joe Gibbs Racing has hired Carl Edwards to drive a new fourth Sprint Cup car in 2015.

The team also added Daniel Suarez, who will drive a full-time Nationwide Series entry for Gibbs and run a partial schedule in the Truck Series.

Suarez becomes the first Mexican driver to race full-time in NASCAR's second tier series.

White III transfers to Nebraska from Kansas

LINCOLN, Neb. — Andrew White III has transferred from Kansas to Nebraska.

Nebraska coach Tim Miles said Monday that White would join his program after playing two seasons for the Jayhawks.

White had said in May he would leave Kansas to find a program where he could get more playing time.

T-wolves' Cunningham gets charges dropped

MINNEAPOLIS — Hennepin County authorities have dropped a felony domestic assault charge against free-agent forward Dante Cunningham.

Hennepin County prosecutor Mike Freeman made the announcement on Monday, saying there "is not proof beyond a reasonable doubt" that Cunningham committed the crime. Cunningham was charged in April for allegedly choking his then girlfriend.

In other NBA news: ■ The Memphis Grizzlies have signed second-round draft pick Jarnell Stokes to a multi-year contract on Monday. The Grizzlies did not disclose the terms. ■ The Connecticut Appeal newspaper reports it's a three-year deal worth more than \$2.5 million for the 35th pick overall.

■ The Detroit Pistons have formally announced contract agreements with forward Carter Martin and center Aaron Gray. ■ The Toronto Raptors have signed Jordan Hamilton, a swing man who played last season with Denver and Houston.



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BASKETBALL/COLLEGE SPORTS

Coach K returns to West Point with US team

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — On the first day of classes at the United States Military Academy, he was clearly the big man on campus.

In much of the basketball world, he's Coach K.

Around here, he's Mike Krzyzewski, Wilken class of 1969.

Krzyzewski returned to his alma mater on Monday with the U.S. national team, which toured the campus, ate lunch with cadets in the mess hall and held an open practice for military personnel and families.

The basketball was limited on a day Krzyzewski spent more time addressing the crowd than his players during practice. But even with the Basketball World Cup opener just 12 days away, he thought the trip benefited his team no matter how much work the players did.

"To spend a day here is better than any offensive or defensive drill you could have," Krzyzewski said. "It bonds the team together and that's what today was about."

The team traveled about 90 minutes by bus Monday morning from New York to the upstate campus where Krzyzewski played under Bob Knight and later returned to coach the Black Knights. He gets back here at least once a year for a ceremony where an award named in his honor is given, but it's hard to imagine he's ever more popular on campus than he was Monday, when he received a loud ovation in the mess hall and was cheered louder than any of the 16 NBA players on the roster before practice.

"To come and see, one, how much people love him here — his picture on the wall, they have an award named after him — I don't know if this is the exact gym he played in, but just to kind of live his life for a day was pretty awesome," All-Star guard



U.S. men's national basketball team head coach Mike Krzyzewski, center, dines with Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr., superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, right, at Washington Hall on Monday in West Point, N.Y. Krzyzewski played at West Point under coach Bob Knight and coached there from 1976-80.

Stephen Curry said.

USA Basketball has prioritized its relationship with the military and the Hoops for Troops program under managing director Jerry Colangelo and Krzyzewski, visiting Arlington National Cemetery and hosting an open practice at a Washington armory with the 2012 Olympic team.

This time, players watched cadets perform an indoor obstacle test and train in the combat pool survival swim lab, then visited a wall honoring Krzyzewski and the award that's given for "teaching character through sport."

"Don't make jokes," he said as players pulled out their phones and snapped photos of the wall, which featured a nearly half-century old picture of Krzyzewski from his academy days.

The Americans also visited the West Point Cemetery and posed for a team picture on the steps of the mess hall, creating a bit of commotion as some cadets stopped to take pictures before being ordered to get



PHOTOS BY MIKE GROLL/AP

Cadet 1st Capt. Austin Welch, of Chicago, talks about the history of West Point to the U.S. national basketball team on Monday. The team also watched cadets during some of their training and conducted a practice for military personnel and families.

back in formation.

Fans attending the practice didn't get to see Derrick Rose play, as the Chicago Bulls point guard was given a planned day off as he works his way back into shape after missing nearly two full seasons with knee injuries. But the biggest star probably wouldn't be Krzyzewski anyway.

He spoke frequently to the crowd, introducing a couple of former teammates and one of his former players who were in the stands.

It was clear Krzyzewski, who got married at West Point on his graduation day

and said he still wears his school ring, enjoyed being back at what he called the "best leadership school in the world."

"You walk around this place and you just feel, you feel good about being an American, and you feel a little bit more proud of being a USA basketball player or coach," he said, "and that's what we wanted our guys to get today."

It seems they did.

"For sure, it was a special, special day," Curry said. "I won't ever forget my first time to West Point. This was definitely worth the trip."

NCAA might appeal cap limit

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA's best argument against the Ed O'Bannon ruling may be the financial limits imposed by U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken — the same ones the NCAA lauded in her decision.

Less than two weeks after the court decision opened the door for college athletes to receive a small portion of the millions of dollars they help generate, several attorneys told The Associated Press they believe the NCAA should now attack that cap. Wilken ruled Aug. 8 that the NCAA violated antitrust law by restricting schools from providing money beyond current scholarship limits to athletes.

She said schools should be allowed to put up to \$5,000 per year of competition into a trust fund for football, players and men's basketball players; money that could be collected once they are finished with school.

Legal experts question how she reached that number and wonder whether it will hold up on appeal.

"The cap is inconsistent with a judicial decision that the restraint (of trade) is unreasonable," said Robert McManey, an antitrust lawyer with the firm of Carter, Le-

dyard & Milburn. "If the restraint is unreasonable out it goes, there's no partial remedy under the Sherman Act and, frankly, judges aren't supposed to construct one. Either it's good or it's not."

Within an hour of the ruling, NCAA chief legal officer Donald Remy issued a statement noting that the governing body disagreed with the ruling but supported the cap. The NCAA, which faces a Wednesday deadline to appeal the decision, declined to comment Monday.

Wilken said she set the threshold to balance the NCAA's fears about huge payments to players.

"The number is immaterial, it's the concept," said Jim Ryan, an attorney at Cullen and Dykman. "It does seem rather arbitrary. Why isn't it \$3,000 or \$10,000? She pulled the \$5,000 somewhat out of the air, so it could be \$3,000, it could be \$10,000, what's a few thousand?"

In October 2011, the NCAA Board of Directors approved a \$2,000 annual stipend for athletes, legislation that was shelved when more than 125 schools signed on to an override measure. The five richest conferences are attempting to bring back the stipend now that they have been given autonomy over some of the trickiest is-

sues in college sports.

McManey believes if the stipend were already in place and Wilken applied the same logic to the O'Bannon case, the NCAA might have already won in court.

According to a study released last month by Illinois professor Michael LeRoy, athletes suing the NCAA won 49 percent of the initial cases but the NCAA won 71 percent of the appeal in the second and third rounds.

This time, the governing body's lawyers face a vastly different obstacle. The appeal, promised by NCAA President Mark Emmert, will be heard by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court, a venue that has a reputation for siding with labor. Remy has repeatedly said the NCAA will take this case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. If the ruling stands, some worry it could ruin non-revenue sports and others believe the NCAA could face litigation from female athletes who could argue they are not being compensated equally in violation of Title IX laws.

Still, NCAA critics contend Wilken's decision didn't go far enough in compensating players for the merchandise and video games that have produced millions in revenue.

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Philadelphia's Mo'ne Davis drives in a run with a single to right field off Pearland pitcher Clayton Broeder during the first inning of Sunday's game at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa.

Talk of the tournament

Philadelphia's Davis, Chicago team attract attention

By JOHN MCGONIGAL
The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — An African-American female pitcher from Philadelphia and a team from Chicago have created a buzz at the Little League World Series.

Philly's Mo'ne Davis and the Jackie Robinson West squad are the talk of the series; professional athletes and politicians alike are following their every move. They've Skyped with the Los Angeles Dodgers, had shout-outs from NBA star Kevin Durant on Twitter and the Pennsylvania governor was in South Williamsport on Friday.

Davis, one of two girls in this year's tournament, is the unquestioned fan favorite. The crowd cheers her every pitch and at-bat. Canada's Emma March also felt the support before her team was eliminated Saturday.

The all-black Chicago squad shows there is still interest in the game in urban communities, even though African-Americans accounted for only about 8 percent of major league teams' opening day rosters this year.

Paul Graziano, an LLWS press box announcer since 1980, has never seen this level of excitement so early in the tournament.

"We always got good crowds on championship weekends, but I've seen more growth and more

people coming now for early games," Graziano said. "You've got two girls and a team from the inner city ... I think it will just bolster" Little League, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Davis (1-0) could return to the mound Wednesday when Philadelphia takes on Las Vegas.

"She's unflappable," said Philadelphia manager Alex Rice, adding it's "highly likely" that Davis will pitch Wednesday. "All the attention — she's getting a little tired of the same questions and we're getting past that — but the attention and everything isn't getting to her. She's having a blast."

Davis received standing ovations from the crowd of more than 15,000 en route to becoming the first female pitcher to throw a shutout in Little League World Series history.

Jackie Robinson West is a rare group of guys in the tournament. The Chicago group dominated its first game, but was blown out by Las Vegas on Sunday. It rebounded to eliminate Cumberland, R.I., 8-7 on Monday.

The second team from Little League's Urban Initiative to make it to the series has created a buzz of its own and has done its part to put the tournament on a bigger stage.

"Hopefully (Chicago's success) will foster more growth in urban cities to help grow Little League," Graziano said.

Sapp tops bill for Pyongyang fights

By ERIC TALMADGE
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Former NFL player Bob "The Beast" Sapp isn't exactly a household name back home in the United States. But he's big in Japan. Very big. And soon he hopes to be living large — for a week, anyway — in North Korea. Shades of Dennis Rodman, anyone?

Sapp, a 6-foot-5, 350-pound tank of a man who played briefly as a lineman with the Chicago Bears and Minnesota Vikings before becoming one of Japan's best-known mixed martial arts personalities, will be topping the bill at a martial arts extravaganza in Pyongyang later this month.

The two-day event is being staged by a Japanese pro-wrestler-turned-politician in an oddball attempt at sports diplomacy just as relations between North Korea and Japan are beginning to thaw.

"This is the No. 1 unusual and a little bit crazy thing I've ever done," Sapp said of his upcoming trip. "I've done everything from the NFL, pro wrestling, movies, I made the cover of Time magazine, done all types of commercials and now I'm going to North Korea. You name it, I've done it."

About 20 wrestlers and martial artists from around the world are expected to attend. Organizers say the event — dubbed, rather blandly, the International Pro-Wrestling Festival in Pyongyang — will be broadcast over the Internet, aired on Japanese network television and shown on North Korean state-run TV.

The exhibition will be the biggest sports show with a marquee American since Rodman and a team of other ex-NBA players took to a Pyongyang basketball court in January. Rodman called that event "historic," but was panned by members of the U.S. Congress, the NBA and human rights groups who said he had become a public relations tool for North Korea's government.

Sapp, who divides his time between Japan and his adopted hometown of Seattle, told The Associated Press he was familiar with the Rodman debacle but says he will steer as far away from controversy and politics as he can. It's not clear if North Korean leader Kim Jong Un — whom Rodman serenaded with the birthday song — will attend the event.

"I have no idea what any of that stuff is, and for me, it's quite simple," Sapp said in an interview. "I am there to bring entertainment."

There is a strong political undertone to the event, however. It's all the brainchild of Kanji "Antonio"



KOJI SASAHARA/AP

Former NFL player Bob "The Beast" Sapp will headline a martial arts event in Pyongyang later this month.

Inoki, a savvy showman and charismatically eccentric Japanese politician who is one of the only members of Japan's parliament who supports — and actively participates in — exchanges of any kind with North Korea. Inoki, who has visited North Korea nearly 30 times, was suspended for parliament for a month after making an unauthorized trip to the North last year.

The square-jawed, 6-foot-3 Inoki, serving his third term in Japan's parliament, is probably best remembered elsewhere for fighting Muhammad Ali in Tokyo in 1976. But in 1995, he fought American Ric Flair in the "Collision in Korea," a two-day event held in Pyongyang's huge May Day Stadium that drew a reported 380,000 spectators. It was the biggest pay-per-view event in pro wrestling history. Ali was among the guest attendees.



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Nats walk off on LaRoche HR

By HARVEY VALENTINE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Adam LaRoche hit a game-winning solo home run with two outs in the 11th inning to help the Washington Nationals beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-4 Monday night for their seventh straight win.

It was the third walk-off win in as many days for NL-East leading Washington.

"They don't come around very often that's for sure," Nationals manager Matt Williams said, "but [we] just kept fighting, which is a great trait to have."

LaRoche sent a 3-1 pitch from Will Harris (0-3) off the wall in the back of the Nationals bullpen and was mobbed by his teammates at home plate.

"I got every bit of it, I did," LaRoche said. "Just a crazy few days. I don't know how we've gotten these walk-off situations the last few days, but we have and have been able to grind back."

It was LaRoche's first career walk-off homer.

"Nice to get my first one, it took me long enough," said the 34-year-old said.

Winning pitcher Chad Stammen (3-4) pitched out of a bases-loaded, no-outs jam in the top of the inning.

"We missed our opportunity, me striking out instead of putting the ball in play," said Didi Gregorius, who made the second out against Stammen.

"We had some young guys up there," Diamondbacks manager Kirk Gibson said. "They didn't get it done and they had a veteran guy in LaRoche. He's a good breaking ball hitter, and got one hung a little bit and he hit it out."

Arizona tied it 4-4 when David Peralta led off the ninth with a solo homer off Tyler Clippard.

Washington trailed 3-2 when Denard Spang doubled with one-out in the eighth against Brad Ziegler and Anthony Rendon followed with a triple to tie it. Jayson Werth then scored Rendon with a sacrifice fly.

Arizona rookie Endy Encarni extended his hitting streak to 18 games.



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The Washington Nationals' Wilson Ramos, left, and Asdrubal Cabrera, right, greet Adam LaRoche at home plate after LaRoche hit a game-winning solo home run during the 11th inning against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday. It was the Nationals' third straight victory in their last at-bat and seventh win in a row overall.

Scoreboard

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MLB ROUNDUP

Orioles slam 3 HRs in win over White Sox

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nick Markakis preserved the lead on defense and then enlarged it at the plate.

The right fielder hit a two-run homer after preventing one with a leaping catch, sending the Baltimore Orioles to an 8-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Monday night.

While offense usually is the focus, Markakis didn't hesitate when asked which moment felt better.

"Robbing a two-run homer," he said, "especially in that situation."

Nelson Cruz and J.J. Hardy each added a solo shot as the Orioles upped their AL East lead to 7½ games over the idle New York Yankees.

Cruz hit his 32nd homer, passing White Sox rookie Jose Abreu for the American League lead. Cruz is tied with Giancarlo Stanton of the Miami Marlins for most in the majors.

Markakis was 3-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs, but everyone in the Baltimore locker room was talking about his clutch catch.

"That was big," manager Buck Showalter said. "The score won't look like it, but obviously it was a big play."

The Orioles entered the bottom of the seventh with a 3-0 lead after starter Bud Norris (11-7) retired 17 of his first 18 batters.

But he quickly found himself in trouble in the seventh after hitting Alejandro De Aza with a pitch and giving up a double to Alexei Ramirez that put runners on second and third with the heart of the Chicago lineup coming up.

Abreu flied out to shallow center and Adam Dunn struck out. It appeared Norris might escape with his shutout intact, but Avisail Garcia's two-run single made it 3-2.

Conor Gillaspie followed with a drive to deep right field, where Markakis raced back to the fence and made a leaping grab.

"I thought I had a shot at it all the way," he said. "I was going after it. I was doing everything I can to catch it, with the situation of the game and the way Bud was pitching."

"It helped us out tremendously and kind of took the wind out of their sails a little bit."

The Orioles then broke it open with a five-run eighth. Jonathan Schoop doubled in three runs and Markakis hit a two-run homer to cap the rally.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Baltimore Orioles' Nick Markakis watches his two-run home run off Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Matt Lindstrom during the eighth inning on Monday in Chicago.

Chicago ace Chris Sale (10-3) took the loss, yielding three runs and eight hits in six innings. He has dropped two straight decisions.

The Orioles are the only AL team he hasn't beaten in his career.

"We were a great outfielder away from potentially winning that game," Sale said.

Braves 7, Pirates 3: Jason Heyward and Andrelton Simmons homered to begin a six-run first inning as Atlanta beat host Pittsburgh for its fourth straight win.

The early outburst was enough for Ervin Santana, who allowed three solo homers among nine hits in 5½ innings. Santana (13-6) improved to 8-1 over his past 10 starts.

Pittsburgh has lost six in a row. Starling Marte went deep twice, and Neil Walker added a homer that became the first to reach the Allegheny River beyond right field at PNC Park this season.

Royals 6, Twins 4: Erik Kratz homered twice after replacing an ailing Salvador Perez and Jason Vargas pitched seven

strong innings to lead first-place Kansas City to a victory over host Minnesota.

Vargas (10-5) allowed one run on four hits and struck out three, but had his scoreless innings streak snapped at 17 when Oswaldo Arcia hit a solo homer in the seventh.

The Royals won for the 21st time in 26 games and extended their lead over the idle Detroit Tigers in the AL Central to two games.

Cubs 4, Mets 1: Kyle Hendricks and two relievers held New York to four or fewer hits for the fifth straight game and Anthony Rizzo and Javier Baez hit long homers as visiting Chicago rallied for a victory over New York.

Hendricks (5-1) gave up just three hits in seven innings, allowing only Lucas Duda's home run in the fourth. The rookie right-hander won his fourth straight start — yielding four earned runs over 29⅓ innings.

Angels 4, Red Sox 2: Mike Trout and Albert Pujols hit consecutive RBI doubles as Los Angeles extended its AL West lead with a victory over the Red Sox. It was the fifth win in six games for the Angels, who moved a half-game ahead of idle Oakland.

Angels starter C.J. Wilson (10-8) labored through 5½ innings, giving up one run and five hits with five walks and five strikeouts.

Phillies 4, Mariners 1: Jerome Williams took a three-hitter into the eighth inning and Andres Blanco hit his first homer in three years as host Philadelphia beat Seattle.

Making his second start since joining the Phillies, Williams (1-0) allowed one run and three hits in seven-plus innings. Mariners rookie lefty Roenis Elias (9-10) gave up one run and three hits in four innings. He constantly pitched out of jams because he walked six and hit one batter with a pitch.

Cardinals 6, Reds 5 (10): Johnny Peralta's 10th-inning single, his third hit of the game, drove in the winning run to give host St. Louis a victory over Cincinnati.

Jay Bruce homered, doubled and knocked in four runs for the Reds, giving him nine RBIs in four games. Brandon Phillips returned from left thumb surgery wearing a brace and was 0 for 4 with a walk.

Logan Ondrusek (3-3) entered with one out in the 10th and gave up consecutive singles to Matt Holliday, Matt Adams and Peralta. Ondrusek (strained right shoulder) was activated from the disabled list earlier in the day.

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NFL

QB Manziel's gesture taints Browns' loss

Rookie calls obscene action 'lapse in judgment'

By JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — If the Cleveland Browns pick a quarterback based solely on numbers, there's not much either Johnny Manziel or Brian Hoyer did to show he deserves the job.

If the choice is based on maturity, the hot-shot rookie's obscene gesture lost him some ground to the nondescript sixth-year veteran.

Manziel raised his middle finger toward the opponents' bench as he returned to the huddle late in the third quarter of Monday night's 24-23 loss to the Washington Redskins. Truth be told, it was one of the few times a Browns QB actually found his intended target.

"It does not sit well," Cleveland coach Mike Pettine said. "It's disappointing, because what we talk about is being poised and being focused. ... That's a big part of all football players, especially the quarterback."

Manziel called the moment

a "lapse of judgment" and suggested it was brought about by another game of unprintable verbal grief from another team's players and fans. He was openly mocked by Brian Orakpo in the first quarter when the Redskins linebacker raised both hands and performed the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner's "money" gesture after a sack by Ryan Kerrigan.

"I get words exchanged throughout the entirety of the game, every game, week after week, and I should've been smarter," Manziel said. "It was a 'Monday Night Football' game, and cameras were probably solid on me, and I just need to be smarter about that."

"It's there, and it's present every game, and I just need to let it slide off my back and go to the next play."

Meanwhile, Pettine needs to pick a starting quarterback. The performances were so unspectacular that the coach suggested he might audible from his previously stated plan of announcing his regular-season starter on Tuesday.

"All the options are still on the table," Pettine said.

Hoyer started Monday night and completed two of six passes for 16 yards. His self-assessment: "It probably couldn't have been any worse. It's disappointing. It was embarrassing."

Manziel, the No. 22 pick in the NFL draft, was 7-for-16 for 65 yards and a touchdown. Of his series early in the game, he said: "I really tried to force everything and not let it fly like I should have. I need to get better at that and throw the dang ball."

Those stats, as mediocre as they are, were padded by series against the Redskins' backups. In the first quarter — when Washington's starters were in the game — Manziel was 2-for-7 for 29 yards, and Hoyer was 0-for-2.

"They both missed some throws," Pettine said.

If there's any hint as to which way Pettine is leaning, it's worth noting that Hoyer started for the second consecutive game and played mostly with the first-team offense. Manziel was sent out



RICHARD LIPSKI/AP

Redskins linebacker Will Compton, left, pursues Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel during the second half of their NFL preseason game on Monday in Landover, Md. Manziel completed seven of 16 passes for 65 yards and a TD, but the Browns lost 24-23.

with the reserves to play in the second half.

Manziel took advantage by leading a 16-play, 68-yard drive capped by an 8-yard pass to Dion Lewis for Cleveland's first touchdown.

But the six points were overshadowed by the one finger.

"A lot of people just scream out things that are very, very disrespectful," Browns cornerback Joe Haden said. "He's just got to zone it out."

Steelers to expand no-huddle offense on road in Philadelphia

By DALE GRONIN
The Associated Press

Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers have done a good job with their no-huddle offense so far this preseason. Thursday night's game at Philadelphia should provide a new challenge.

"We'll see if we'll do no-huddle on the road, which is usually a little different," Roethlisberger said Monday. "Whether we do that or not, I don't know, but that's usually the good part about trying to get at least one series of no-huddle on the road, because the communication is a little tougher."

Roethlisberger said there was one "very minor" mistake by the starters in a 19-16 win over Buffalo on Saturday night, but otherwise he was pleased with the progress. He threw for a pair of touchdowns during his three series of work.

One of the goals against the Eagles will be to refine the hand signals the offense uses when trying to push the pace in hostile territory.

"We did a little test this year, and this week is going to be the last week," Roethlisberger said. "I bring the running backs, wide receivers and tight ends in, and we give them a five hand-signal pop quiz. They have to write down what play is called and

the route that they have."

When the results are tallied, players with the three lowest scores have to buy pizza and wings for the entire offense. That includes the offensive linemen, who don't use the hand signals.

That's fine by left guard Ramon Foster, who figures he's going to get a free meal either way.

"All we need to know is base, nickel or dime, so we're good," Foster said. "That's 100 (percent) every time for us, so we're all in."

Roethlisberger came up with this test, so he's keeping track of the scores.

"We have a running list that we brought from training camp, and it's in the quarterback room," Roethlisberger said. "There aren't a lot of misses like you think, but it's pretty close."

Second-year wideout Derek Moye is in a heated battle for the final roster spots at receiver, but he wouldn't admit if he's also atop Roethlisberger's dubious list.

"It's been going pretty good, and I think everybody has everything down, for the most part," Moye said. "But I don't want to call anybody out and say who's in the lead, the top three. But it's been a lot of fun, and we're learning all the little things we need to know about our offense."

Roethlisberger also wouldn't reveal which players had the lowest scores to date, but he said the competition has "about five guys" in the running to foot the bill for the pizza and wing bash.

"We're starting to work real well with Ben, and we want to do everything we can to improve our offense," receiver Antonio Brown said. "So, that's what we're trying to do."

Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said there was one "very minor" mistake by the starters in a 19-16 preseason win over the Buffalo Bills on Saturday, but he was otherwise pleased with the progress of the Steelers' no-huddle offense.

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The Titans declined to pick up the 2015 option on quarterback Jake Locker, center, because he missed 14 of 32 games since being named the starter, and he's costing a mere \$2 million in salary this season.

Savings: Prices give teams room to grow

FROM BACK PAGE

The early success of Luck, Wilson, Kaepernick and others has persuaded many teams to use the draft to find a quarterback who can start quickly. And some teams are more willing than ever to cut an established, but not elite starter, and go fishing for another third-round steal like Wilson.

The Titans are hoping Jake Locker, drafted in 2011, still can be their guy. But they declined to pick up his 2015 option because as Locker has missed 14 of 32 games since being named the starter, and they drafted Zach Mettenberger in the sixth round for some protection. Titans general manager Ruston Webster said finding a franchise quarterback solidifies a team in a way no other position can, making it an easy decision to pay up, if you have found the right guy.

"Yeah, we all would like to be able to do that," Webster said. "While you're searching or developing a quarterback, though, I think the thing teams are doing — and rightfully so — is build everything else around it and make it as good as you can be. Then let the quarterback take it from there."

The Seahawks can't extend Wilson until 2015, so he will make a salary of \$662,434 in his third season. That's about 4 percent of what Chicago is paying Cutler.

"It's a big deal for us," general manager John Schneider said. "We've been able to acquire other players, and they were definitely players we were able to acquire that helped us get over the top this year."

But Schneider and vice president of football administration Matt Thomas know it won't last. They project their salary cap up to three years, and they are preparing for a big hit once they have to pay Wilson an eight-digit salary.

San Francisco and Cincinnati have signed their young quarter-

Starting QB salaries

List of the projected starting quarterbacks in the NFL with their base salaries for the 2014 season.

Arizona:	Carson Palmer, \$9 million
Atlanta:	Matt Ryan, \$9.5 million
Baltimore:	Joe Flacco, \$6 million
Buffalo:	E.J. Manuel, \$608,877
Carolina:	Cam Newton, \$3.3 million
Chicago:	Jay Cutler, \$17.5 million
Cincinnati:	Andy Dalton, \$986,027
Cleveland:	Brian Hoyer, \$1 million; or Johnny Manziel, \$420,000
Dallas:	Tony Romo, \$1 million
Denver:	Peyton Manning, \$15 million
Detroit:	Matt Stafford, \$2 million
Green Bay:	Aaron Rodgers, \$900,000
Houston:	Ryan Fitzpatrick, \$1.75 million
Indianapolis:	Andrew Luck, \$2.39 million
Jacksonville:	Chad Henne, \$1.5 million
Kansas City:	Alex Smith, \$7.5 million
Miami:	Ryan Tannehill, \$570,000
Minnesota:	Matt Cassel, \$2.65 million
New England:	Tom Brady, \$2.6 million
New Orleans:	Drew Brees, \$10.7 million
NY Giants:	Eli Manning, \$15.1 million
NY Jets:	Geno Smith, \$633,164
Oakland:	Matt Schaub, \$4.5 million
Philadelphia:	Nick Foles, \$615,000
Pittsburgh:	Ben Roethlisberger, \$12.1 million
San Diego:	Philip Rivers, \$13.8 million
San Francisco:	Colin Kaepernick, \$645,000
Seattle:	Russell Wilson, \$662,434
St. Louis:	Sam Bradford, \$14 million
Tampa Bay:	Jake McCown, \$3.7 million
Tennessee:	Jake Locker, \$2.09 million
Washington:	Robert Griffin III, \$2.3 million

SOURCE: The NFL Players Association

backs to lucrative extensions, but the Bengals front-loaded Dalton's contract enough to protect themselves if the quarterback who's 30-18 overall isn't the answer long-term considering his 0-3 postseason record.

Teams still saving money with young quarterbacks include the Jets with Geno Smith going into his second year, though Michael Vick is an expensive insurance policy. Rookie Johnny Manziel is pushing Brian Hoyer in Cleve-

land. E.J. Manuel is going into his second season in Buffalo where the Bills' quarterback search has been ongoing since Jim Kelly retired after the 1996 season.

Houston traded Matt Schaub to Oakland and signed journeyman Ryan Fitzpatrick in March after Tennessee cut him. Tampa Bay brought in Josh McCown to start ahead of second-year Mike Glennon.

Jacksonville and Minnesota believed they had drafted franchise quarterbacks in 2011 with Blaine Gabbert and Christian Ponder only to go back to the draft this year to pick Blake Bortles and Teddy Bridgewater. The Vikings are going with veteran Matt Cassel now, but the money saved on quarterbacks has allowed them to spend big in free agency at cornerback, defensive line and at wide receiver while keeping some of their own players with new deals.

Buffalo invested in its defensive line, and the Bills wound up with three Pro Bowl selections last season while ranking second in the NFL with 57 sacks. The Titans have invested heavily in their offensive line by signing left guard Andy Levine and right tackle Michael Oher and drafting right guard Chance Warmack and left tackle Taylor Lewan the last two years.

In the meantime, teams wait, watch and hope their young quarterbacks will force them to pay up.

"It's a nice problem to have, and hopefully we've got it," Whaley said.

For those trying to earn it big deal, Nick Foles of the Eagles has a suggestion. He's due \$615,000 this season and said worrying about numbers puts quarterbacks at risk of making mistakes when the key is trying to win.

"There's no dollar sign on me when I'm throwing a ball," Foles said.

Briefs

Cardinals lose Dockett for year

The Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Arizona Cardinals defensive tackle Darnell Dockett, one of the most durable players in the NFL over the past decade, tore the ACL in his right knee during practice Monday and will undergo season-ending surgery.

The team said the extent of the injury was revealed in an MRI. The 6-foot-4, 290-pound Dockett has missed only two games in 10 NFL seasons. He has started 156 of the 158 games in which he appeared.

Dockett was hurt in an 11-on-11 drill. He limped away but had to be helped onto a cart.

"Thank you all for your support and get well wishes. I really do appreciate it," he said in a tweet Monday night. "This will be a tough road to recovery but I been through worse."

Dockett is a three-time Pro Bowl selection and four-time team captain.

The knee injury is another blow to the already-depleted middle of Arizona's defense.

Inside linebackers Karlos Dansby and Daryl Washington, the heart of the unit a year ago, are gone. Dockett signed a free-agent contract with Cleveland. Washington is suspended for the season for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

The injury will further test the skills of defensive coordinator Todd Bowles.

Pro Bowl Rucker moved into Dockett's spot with the first unit for the remainder of Monday's practice. Rucker, an eight-year NFL veteran, appeared in all 16 games for Arizona last season, one as a starter. He started all 16 games for Cleveland in 2012.

Gronk participates in credit drills

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Go ahead and hit Rob Gronkowski on his right knee. See if he cares.

The tough tight end is anxious to get into a game and take his chances less than eight months after surgery.

"If I'm ready to get out there, I'm ready to get out there," the Patriots' star said Monday after his first contact drills in training camp. "It's just like any other part of the body getting hit now. So once I get rolling like that, it'll just be like another day getting hit."

Playing in New England's third preseason game Friday night against the Carolina Panthers seems unlikely.

Playing in the regular-season opener Sept. 7 against the Miami Dolphins? That's still his goal, although the coaches and training staff will have the final say.

"I just love playing the game of football," Gronkowski said. "So whenever they let me have a chance, I definitely want to play."

The contact was light, but it was encouraging after the past two seasons were filled with injuries.

He missed the first six games last year recovering from forearm and back surgeries. In his seventh game back, the ACL and MCL in his right knee were torn on Dec. 8 on a hit by Cleveland safety TJ Ward, now with Denver.

Gronkowski underwent surgery on Jan. 9 was cleared to participate in non-contact drills when training camp opened and spent time running routes and catching passes from Tom Brady without defenders.

Chiefs' Charles injured in freak slip down hill

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jamaal Charles made it his duty every hit from Derrick Johnson, every shot from Eric Berry and every tackle from the rest of the Chiefs' defense during three weeks at Missouri Western.

It wasn't until he was leaving their training camp home that he got hurt.

Charles was in the process of moving out of the dorms last Thursday, when the team was getting ready to shift the rest of camp to their own practice facility, when he came to a grassy slope. He wound up slipping just a bit and turned his foot just enough to set alarm bells ringing.

X-rays and MRI exams ensued, and Charles did not make the trip to Carolina for Sunday night's preseason game against the Panthers. And while all the tests came back negative, coach Andy Reid said Monday that he's unsure just how long the explosive running back will be out.

"He's feeling better today. We're optimistic about it," Reid said. "Initially there was a little concern, but he had all stuff done to it and everything is clear."

Ex-Giants RB Wilson to train in triple jump

NEW YORK — Two weeks after ending his NFL career due to a neck injury, former New York Giants running back David Wilson is turning to track and field.

The 23-year-old Wilson, who competed in the triple jump during high school and at Virginia Tech, intends to train in the event with an eye on making the United States team for the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Wilson said he has already been working out and will start training with his former track coach on campus at Virginia Tech.

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Search for franchise players
lets teams invest elsewhere

By TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

The easiest decision in the NFL is forking over the big bucks to sign Peyton Manning, Tom Brady or Drew Brees to long-term deals. Colin Kaepernick and Andy Dalton recently signed multi-million dollar contracts from teams trying to lock down their franchise quarterback.

Most clubs still are searching for a quarterback worthy of such money. This season, 19 teams will pay their projected starting quarterbacks less than \$3.5 million, or one-fifth of the \$17.5 million Jay Cutler will make from the Bears in base salary.

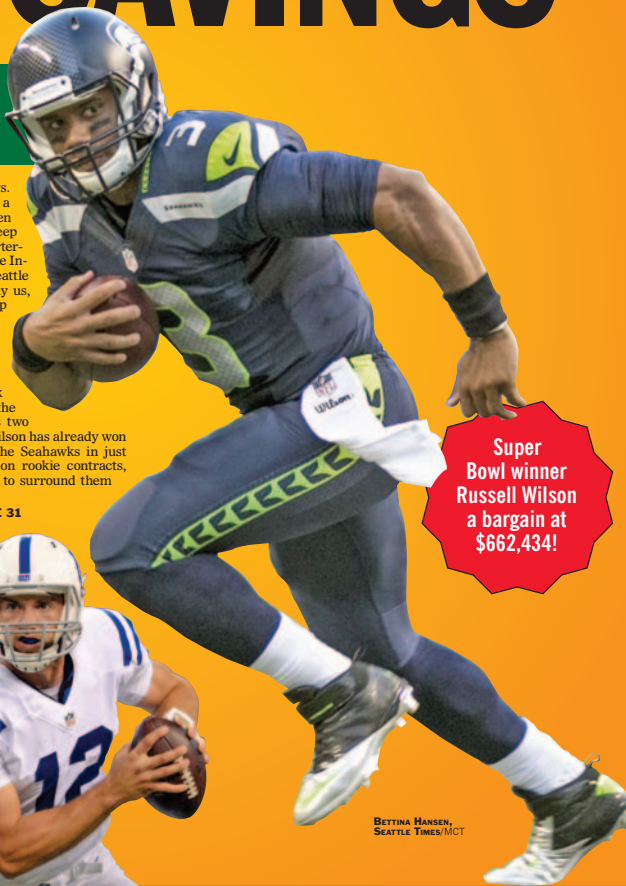
While teams without \$15 million quarterback have more money to spend on defense, other offensive weapons and depth, most NFL general managers say they would love to have the "problem" of paying a star quarterback.

"If you've got a good quarterback, you've got to pay him," Buffalo Bills general man-

ager Doug Whaley says. "Now if you don't have a good quarterback, then you're going to try to keep trying to find that quarterback. And teams like the Indianapolis Colts, the Seattle Seahawks and hopefully us, we've got cheap, cheap versions of it only because of the salary cap structure and the CBA."

Cheap doesn't mean inferior. Andrew Luck has taken the Colts to the playoffs in each of his two seasons, and Russell Wilson has already won a championship with the Seahawks in just two years. With both on rookie contracts, their teams can afford to surround them with better players.

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